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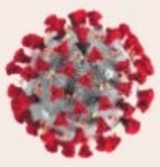

ICMR POSITIVE, THIRD WAVE WILL WANE BY MID-MARCH

According to ICMR epidemiological head Samiran Panda, all states will see a drop in number of fresh Covid infections

CASES MAY DECLINE EARLIER IN SOME STATES

"We did a modelling study. We are projecting that by mid-March, all the states will see infections coming down," Panda told this newspaper. He said while some states will see infections go down earlier than mid-March, states that reported the Omicron variant later will need a little more time. But, by mid-March, the situation will be the same as before the third wave

NEED NOT PANIC ABOUT DELTACRON

- When asked about infections caused by a combination of Delta and Omicron variants, Panda said, "it might not be fatal or fast-spreading. We need to be vigilant, but not panic"
- He noted that recombination is possible with RNA virus, but stressed that we must ensure the detection system is working fine

98.28%

WAS INDIA'S COVID RECOVERY RATE AS OF SUNDAY

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Himalayan baba may actually be ex-FinMin babu

Conspiracy to establish ex-NSE top exec Subramanian as the outsider, say sources

SHAHID FARIDI @New Delhi

THE CBI and tax authorities have swooped down on former MD & CEO of the National Stock Exchange Chitra Ramkrishna. However, they have not been able to find the identity of the so-called Himalayan baba who ran India's biggest stock exchange from behind the scenes.

Sources told this paper that this person is no baba and has nothing to do with the Himalayas, and is most likely from the other end of the country. They say he is a former bureaucrat from the Union finance ministry who was in charge of capital market and is credited with shaping the career of Ramkrishna and helping her reach the top at NSE.

Chitra Ramakrishna

Strongly rejecting the possibility of NSE's Chief Strategy Advisor Anand Subramaniam being the baba, sources said there were people who wanted the matter closed by making Subramaniam as the person who was communicating with Ramkrishna using the email id rigyajursama@outlook.com. If Subramaniam is established as the baba, then the serious charge of leaking sensitive information to an outsider would go away. This theory of Subramaniam being the baba is also being pushed by the NSE board.

Sebi, however, has rejected this theory after a detailed investigation into the matter. Sebi investigation has also established that the NSE board had full knowledge of Ramkrishna sharing sensitive NSE information with an unknown person who used the email id rigyajursama@outlook.com. Yet, the board allowed her to resign and leave, and took no action against her. The board, in fact, thanked her for her services.

Sources said members of the board are also likely to be probed as investigation widens in the case.

According to sources, the name of this bureaucrat who used the identity of a baba would come out if the CBI dives deep into the case. "But if the case is investigated like the co-location scam where NSE was allowed to get away with a fine, then the baba will remain a mystery," sources said.

They said that NSE's theory that Subramaniam used the fake id in order to communicate with Ramkrishna and seek favours from her is deliberately misleading. **CONTINUED ON: P8**

KCR, Uddhav meet, lend weight to third front

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

TELANGANA Chief Minister and Telangana Rashtra Samithi chief K Chandrashekar Rao, who is trying to form a national coalition of likeminded parties to fight the BJP in the 2024 elections, on Sunday met his Maharashtra counterpart and Shiv Sena leader Uddhav Thackeray and NCP supremo Sharad Pawar.

During the meetings, held separately at the hosts' residences, the need to defeat the BJP in the next Lok Sabha elections was discussed. Terming the meeting with Thackeray "a good beginning", the Telangana leader said: "We are talking with other states leaders as well and very soon, there will be clarity over this new beginning."

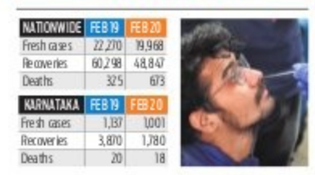
Explaining the reason for seeking an end to BJP rule, Rao said, "The present political atmosphere is not good. There needs to have speed in development. People are weakening the country rather than strengthening it. Central agencies are misused."

Agreeing with KCR and targeting the BJP, Thackeray said the country desperately needs a change, adding that the ongoing "politics of revenge" is neither Hindutva nor Indian culture.

K Chandrashekar Rao with Uddhav Thackeray in Mumbai | PTI

The Shiv Sena leader said the country will soon witness a new political culture, anchored in harmony. "There will be a new beginning in the country's politics. It is a difficult way, but we have to put effort into finding this new path," he said.

However, NCP chief Sharad Pawar sought to distance himself from the new political front, claiming politics was not discussed during his meeting with KCR. "We discussed only development issues. The country is facing several major issues like unemployment, growing poverty, farmer suicides, etc."



NATIONWIDE	FEB 19	FEB 20
Fresh cases	22,270	19,968
Recoveries	60,298	48,847
Deaths	325	673
KARNATAKA	**FEB 19**	**FEB 20**
Fresh cases	1,137	1,001
Recoveries	3,870	1,780
Deaths	20	18

An instructor shows a grenade during a training for members of an Ukrainian far-right group in Kyiv on Sunday | AP

Putin-Macron talks give peace a chance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

WITH war clouds hovering over Ukraine, French President Emmanuel Macron and Russian leader Vladimir Putin held a telephonic conversation on Sunday. The two leaders agreed to work towards a ceasefire in eastern Ukraine, Macron's office said. During the conversation, which lasted 105 minutes, they also agreed on "the need to favour a diplomatic solution to the ongoing crisis and to do everything to achieve one", it said.

Though the talks have raised hopes, things on the ground continued to look dull on Sunday with Russia extending its military drill in Belarus involving a large number of troops, which was originally scheduled to end on Sunday. And the US said Putin's playbook for invasion of Ukraine is unfolding slowly but surely. "Everything leading up to the actual invasion appears to be taking place," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said. "But until the tanks are actually rolling and the planes are flying, we will use every minute we have to see if diplomacy can still dissuade President Putin."

Meanwhile, the Indian embassy in Kyiv advised Indians to leave the country temporarily if their stay is not essential. Air India will operate three special flights to Kyiv's Boryspil International Airport on Feb 22, 24 and 26. **P9**

(With inputs from agencies)

Cong leaders to meet Rahul on Friday, may discuss hijab row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

The meeting will include a number of other senior leaders and their opinion will be sought on various issues

DK Shivakumar, KPCC president

Congress is in a fix over raising the hijab row in the Assembly and Council though it is raging across the state, while its members are aggressively demanding the resignation of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister KS Eshwarappa for his remarks over hoisting a saffron flag at the Red Fort.

In this background, the party's central leadership has invited the state leaders for a discussion in New Delhi on Friday.

Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is meeting state leaders, including KPCC president DK Shivakumar, Opposition Leaders in Assembly Siddaramaiah and Council BK Hariprasad and state Congress working presidents, ostensibly to discuss the blueprint for the 2023 Assembly elections. But party sources said the hijab issue and the party's stand on the raging controversy will also be discussed.

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II PU practicals to be held today

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

PREPARATIONS have been made to hold the second PUC practical exams in Bengaluru North on Monday even as students are holding protests across the state over the hijab issue.

A source from the education department told The New Indian Express that parents have been requested not to protest outside educational institutions, while the police will provide security as there have been concerns over agitations preventing other students from attending the exam. **P2**

Poll day largely peaceful in UP, Punjab

There were no reports of major violence from the two states

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2022 I DECIDE

63.4% voter turnout till 5 pm

73.45% turnout in Mansa constituency

PUNJAB

UTTAR PRADESH

60.3% Voter turnout

BJYM general secretary killed

A 25-year-old general secretary of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha killed in Hathras district. A probe is underway

Samajwadi Party alleged one of its agents was beaten up by a BJP worker in Shikohabad in Firozabad district | P7

IAF chopper rescues teen trekker at Nandi Hills

V VELAYUDHAM
@ Chikkaballapur

AN 18-year-old boy from Delhi studying in Bengaluru, who had gone for trekking in Nandi Hills alone, fell into a deep gorge of nearly 300 feet and was rescued by an IAF helicopter on Sunday.

The boy, **Nishank**, who had sustained severe injuries, has been admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru, said Central Range Inspector General of Police M Chandrashekar.

Nishank, who is a first-year computer science student at PES University, was exploring a new route to reach the top of steep and rocky Nandi Hills when he slipped and fell, said Chikkaballapur Deputy Commissioner R Latha.

Though he had fallen into the gorge, his phone was working and he could dial the police control room. He told the police about the incident and also sent his location through the mobile to the police. **P2**

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Monday : 21/02/2022 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Uttharayana
Ritu: Sishira • Masa: Magha • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Panchami 7.37 pm
Nakshatra: Chittha 4.13 pm • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 18°C | MAX 32°C
FORECAST
Partly cloudy

Sunrise 6.39 am
Sunset 6.27 pm
Moonrise 10.35 pm
Moonset 9.51 am

Surprise! B'luru the best city to run and jog

Smart City Ltd now pushing authorities to improve facilities for pedestrians

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs recently listed Bengaluru as the winner among frontrunner cities under the categories of Freedom to Walk and Freedom to Run. The Bengaluru Smart City Limited is now using this to push the city corporation to improve the city and make it better for pedestrians with more neighbourhood facilities.

Under freedom to run, the cities listed along with Bengaluru were Muzaffarapur, Ranchi, Coimbatore, Raipur, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Nashik, Guwahati and Bilaspur. Under the freedom to walk category the other cities listed were Chichwad, Ujjain, Aligarh, Bareilly, Nagpur, Kota, Varanasi and Valsad.

P Rajendra Cholan, Managing Director, Bengaluru Smart City Ltd, told *The New Indian Express* that this is the first time that Bengaluru has been recognized in these categories. The ministry had asked people to download the app and use it while walking, running, cycling and jogging.

It tracked the steps just like the other software on watches and smart phones. The exercise was to be done for 21 days from January 3 to 27, 2022. Based on the feedback the city has been recognised.

But the actual challenge is now to ensure that this is sustained, said Cholan. There are many instances where citizens prefer to use their vehicles even for short distances like markets, nearby stores or even to buy fruits and vegetables.

Better spaces needed

"To ensure that people walk or run and opt for healthy modes, it is important that more and better spaces are created. The surroundings that are clean, healthy and citizen friendly are being created. It is being discussed with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials," Cholan said.

As the next step, the Ministry Housing and Urban Affairs is working on assessing if there are citizen-friendly public spaces. But both are interrelated. If there are good spaces around, people are encouraged to walk and jog and opt for healthy lifestyles. This will lead to a clean and green environment and a smart city, the Managing Director, Bengaluru Smart City Ltd said.

Trespassing, illegal treks a matter of concern

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WHILE 18-year-old Nishank was rescued after his fall in the Brahmagiri hills, forest officials, the district administration and police officials admit that cases of trespass and illegal trekking are a matter of worry in Chikkaballapur region, which houses a large area of hillocks and forest cover.

Officials point out that with shortage of staff strength and a large area to cover, cases often go undetected, and only when rescue calls are made do cases come to light. "Websites and companies post advertisements and messages, inviting enthusiastic trekkers and adventurists to the hills of Nandi, Brahmagiri and Skandagiri for trekking, and stay overnight. When we get to know, we issue a notice and the message is deleted from the website, but the geolocation stays and people try to explore it by themselves. This is a big matter of concern," said an official from the Chikkaballapur police team.

District officials and foresters also point out that Nishank had reached the gate and sought entry much before they are opened, by 5am. He had sought permission to go to Nandi Hills, but sneaked to Brahmagiri.

"He is not the only one. Some come down by themselves, unhurt, some others get stranded and tracing them becomes near impossible as there is only one staffer to patrol 2000 Ha. Sometimes, people are stuck for days and find their way out on their own. We have sought more security as the location is close to Bengaluru, and is an adventure hub, but the government pays little attention," said a forest official.

Nishank being airlifted to safety from a gorge, where he lay trapped after slipping from a height of about 300 feet, at Nandi Hills on Sunday.

The district administration pointed out that this is the constituency of Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar. "While the ropeway could be introduced here and efforts made to turn it into an international tourist hub, the government must ensure safety measures are in place as over 20 per cent of the area is under forest department," a district official said.

Cases booked against youth

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CHIKKABALLAPUR Superintendent of Police GK Mithun Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Amareesh and team rushed to the spot. The team spotted him, but could not reach the place as the terrain was difficult.

The district administration officials immediately contacted Indian Air Force officials at Yelahanka, and the helicopter was rushed on the rescue mission. As the chopper hovered above, a rope was sent down with a rescuer and he was pulled to safety. Nishank has been booked under provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act and for trespassing.

JUST CHILL

With the days warming up, vendors get busy selling refreshing drinks and coolers. An elderly woman waits for customers by her cart, with pots of buttermilk, near KR Circle in Bengaluru, on Sunday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

How is education affected by a piece of cloth, question senior advocates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

Speaking on the ongoing hijab row, Karnataka High Court senior advocate Harish Narasappa asked why the imparting of education has been affected by a piece of cloth. The advocate spoke alongside Supreme Court advocate Shahrukh Alam, at an online discussion held by the All India Lawyers' Association for Justice (AILAJ) on 'Women's Autonomy & Right to Education In The Eyes of Law' on Sunday.

Both lawyers questioned whether women should be allowed to wear hijabs, rather than why the government has decided to put restrictions on religious clothing.

"In the event of changing the grading system by the College Development Committee a month before exams, when the inevitable writ petitions come in, the court will ask the CDC why they have done so, whether they have the power to do so and if the decision was taken arbitrarily or with the deliberation of stakeholders," said Alam. "The rights of the students to oppose it does not come into question then. However, this has not been the case here, where it has been inverted," she continued.

"The issue should not be framed only around the wearing of a piece of clothing or a woman's choice to wear it, or politically, that the government is trying to dictate what a woman can or can't wear, rather, it should be that the government is trying to prevent the right to education based on this," said Narasappa. Further, Alam said that though uniforms should be in place to instil values and discipline in children, there has been no discussion on how these uniform rules have been formed and the political aspect of their formation.

PRACTICALS TO START FROM FEB 23 IN B'LURU SOUTH

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PU Board Director Ramachandran R said that all arrangements have been made to hold the practical exams without any incident.

The Department of Pre-University Education (DPUE) has given the freedom to districts to set their own timetables for the practical examination, but it should be held between February 17 and March 25. DPUE Examination Director Prasanna Kumar said that since the decision has been left to the discretion of deputy directors of PU education (DDPUs), any issues would be handled at their level. Bengaluru North DDPU GK Sriram said there are no concerns in the division as students have withdrawn their call to boycott the exam. "A few students were protesting at colleges in Yeshwanthpur and Yelahanka. We met them on Saturday, explained to them the importance of holding the exam and they agreed to attend the practicals on Monday." The students also agreed not to wear hijab while attending the exam, he added.

The practical exam is scheduled to start from February 23 in Bengaluru South. DDPU Rajkumar said there are no issues in their division. "The exams will begin on Wednesday and we have the liberty to conduct the exam till March 25. If there are any issues, it will be postponed," he added.

In the districts where practicals already started from Thursday, a few incidents were reported. However, college administrations and respective DDPUs made arrangements for students to attend the exam.

EXPRESS READ

Former minister upset over snatching of microphone systems from street vendors in city

BENGALURU: Former education minister S Suresh Kumar has advised educating street vendors and hawkers on the proper usage of microphone systems, instead of directly confiscating them. Kumar on Sunday said that he learnt about the issue, following a complaint from a citizen to the Bengaluru City Police. The Bengaluru Police Commissioner, Kamal Pant, had ordered the confiscation of loudspeakers and mic systems from hawkers. Upset over the move, Kumar said, "It is not right to take away a means of living from the vendors, as they have to push a cart all day, be it rain or sun, and many do not have the energy to call out loud, and hence take the support of mic systems," he said. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

21st February : The mix of fiery and watery heavenly alignments is a sure sign that change is on the way. If any of you feels like dropping some of your commitments and taking on new ones, so much the better. But if you are one of those people who likes life to remain exactly as it is, you may be out of step with the day's events.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Venus has been conferring on you all the strength you need to determine the pace of events and deal with complex issues. If it suits your plans, you may now coast along and wait for those who are less sure of themselves to recover rapidly from whatever troubles them.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
A number of planetary changes are on the way, and you can be confident that whatever has been ailing or bothering you is soon to be resolved. Determined action may be necessary to shift a log-jam, though. I am sure you have it in you to give whatever it takes.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You are probably beginning to feel as if you are driven along by forces beyond your control. Today is likely to bring an emotional phase and there is nothing to be gained from concealing your true feelings. But, then, you've probably learnt that by now.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There is no point in pretending that professio-nal success does not matter to you. You must still be prepared to face certain harsh situations head-on, confident in the understanding that whatever the outcome, your long-term interests are being protected.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Stay one step ahead of the planets and turn your attention to your professional hopes and ambitions. Whether you are directly involved in impending changes or not, this may come to be one of the most rewarding and exciting periods you have ever experienced.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Now that Mercury, a planet with a special meaning in your life, is about to adjust its position, you should attempt to stand well back and see the overall direction of your life rather than the personal conflicts or upsets which have so often preoccupied you.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A number of important planets are beginning to relax their grip on your sign, and what once seemed like a nightmare or the end of the world, will now begin to look more like a blessing in disguise. This week's lunar alignments, though, will push you back on to the right course.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It often happens that several planets shift their positions at the same time, and this is when your mood is likely to swing from one extreme to another. The trick is to remain alert to the ebb and flow of fortune, and stay in tune intuitively with the developing planetary harmonies.

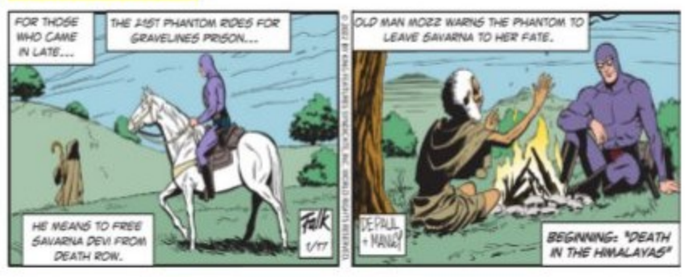
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The current period, in which partners seem to be taking the lead with more and more confidence, is now destined to intensify. This is why co-operation must be your priority if you are not prepared to risk a split. And, if you are, then you must be aware of what you're letting yourself in for.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You know well enough that you have a wonderfully practical side to your character, and deep down this is why you realise that certain involvements have had their day. It may be time to make a break, perhaps a psychological one, with past personal associations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It seems very much as if you will only have yourself to blame if a professional relationship turns sour. Perhaps the message is that you should concentrate on home and family duties more than in the past - and not let worldly pressures intervene so much.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are approaching a phase in which discussions and negotiations will be crucial to the success or failure of your plans. It will not be enough merely to follow your intuition or do something 'because it feels right'. You need to have some backing from the facts as well.

THE PHANTOM



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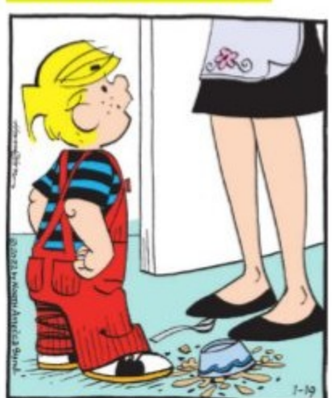

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Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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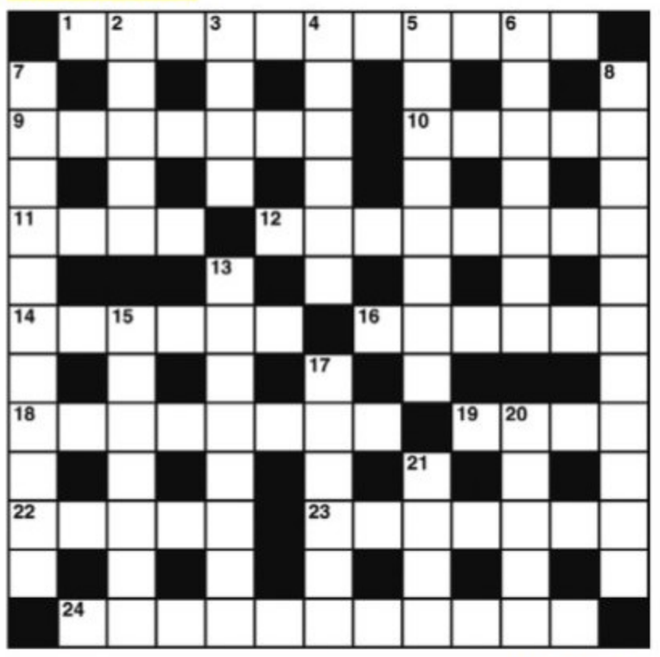
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Tries to correct extreme spin (11)
9 Reversion to type puts Mavis at variance (7)
10 Issue foreign coins (5)
11 Touch with an oral greeting (4)
12 Honest deal? (8)
14 Changing planes in Italy (6)
16 Closely connected with German revolutionary (6)
18 Reliable mathematical term (8)
19 Turning knocks into a pole (4)
22 Quick way to take the air between flights (5)
23 A light case (7)
24 Suits oneself? (4,7)

DOWN

2 They show bones of unknown number of fish (1-4)
3 Ancient Mariner's story upset an Arab prince (4)
4 Resident is at home with his wife (6)
5 Note a hundred still in a trance (8)
6 How happy gunslingers might be? (7)
7 Pedestrian injured? (7,4)
8 It will be presented by a group at one (6,5)
13 Reprimands for rules etc. being broken (8)
15 It gives accommodation inside a speed boat (7)
17 Aggressive branch of the animal kingdom (6)
20 Not all the pianist plays (5)
21 We bear it (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Poetry, 4 Official, 9 Agenda, 10 Stallion, 12 Maud, 13 Tipsy, 14 Cell, 17 Thoroughfare, 20 Screwdrivers, 23 Alms, 24 Heels, 25 Fifi, 28 Peerless, 29 Serbia, 30 Dressing, 31 Adhere.

Down: 1 Playmate, 2 Executor, 3 Rode, 5 Fit as a fiddle, 6 Isle, 7 Irises, 8 Lonely, 11 Single person, 15 Fore, 16 Grain, 18 Reliable, 19 Estimate, 21 Napped, 22 Impede, 26 Plus, 27 Head.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SREHF

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PUYGMS

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

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ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S: **Jumbles:**
BRAWL VALVE FINALE QUORUM
ANSWER: She asked if she could borrow her sister's favorite sweater, but the response wasn't — FAVORABLE

Forum sends ₹1,100 to Railway Minister Kalyana Karnataka Pratteka Rajya Horata Samiti has sent a money order of Rs 1,100 to the Railway Minister protesting allocation of Rs 1,000 in the pink book of the Union budget for maintenance of the railway division in Kalaburagi

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 348 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today: **1,001** | Yesterday: **1,137**

TALLY
Today: **39,36,586**
Yesterday: **39,35,585**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: **18**	Today: **1,780**
Yesterday: **20**	Yesterday: **3,870**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **12,634**
Yesterday: **13,431**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: 6.14%	Today: 1.01%
Yesterday: 6.15%	Yesterday: 1.01%

RECOVERY RATE Today: **98.66%** Yesterday: **98.64%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	485
Bengaluru Rural	3
Bagalkot	15
Ballari	46
Belagavi	51
Bidar	2
Chamarajanagar	20
Chikkaballapur	6
Chikkamagaluru	5
Chitradurga	22
Dakshina Kannada	14
Davanagere	3
Dharwad	17
Gadag	2
Hassan	20
Haveri	12
Kalaburagi	16
Kodagu	42
Kolar	4
Koppal	1
Mandya	10
Mysuru	48
Raichur	4
Ramanagara	4
Shivamogga	22
Tumakuru	93
Udupi	23
Uttara Kannada	3
Vijayapura	4
Yadgir	4

3rd wave effect: Vax stocks reach expiry date

Low demand for Covid-19 vaccines; hospitals giving booster shots to staffers to cut down wastage

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

Though it was expected that with the third wave, demand for Covid-19 vaccines will increase, private hospitals find themselves with soon-to-expire or expired stock of vaccines, which they have to discard. The same problem was seen post the second Covid wave, with demand for vaccines falling short compared to supply.

At Mallige Hospital, a few hundred doses of Covishield expired on February 17. "We have 3,000 doses of Covishield left, which will expire in June or July this year. There has been no demand for Covaxin, and we gave up supply long ago. Either most people have already taken both doses, or those who are eligible for the booster dose have to wait for the nine-month gap between doses. This is causing vaccine stock to lie unused," said Vikram Sreeram, Managing Director of Mallige Hospital.

With people not coming forward to get jabbed, manufacturing companies are ready to take back unused vaccine stock from hospitals, leading to wastage, pointed out Dr R Ravindra, Medical Director of Suguna Hospital and past president of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association.

"There is hardly any demand for vaccines. Even vials of Covaxin, which were revalidated by the company, are expiring in either March or May. In our hospital, around 700 doses each of Covishield and Covaxin are waiting to be used. The former expires in March. To cut down on wastage, we used up our own stock by giving booster doses to healthcare workers of our hospital, for free," Dr Ravindra added.

Of the target of 21 lakh beneficiaries eligible for the booster dose, 11 lakh (11,24,096) beneficiaries have received the third dose | EXPRESS

Sreeram suggested that booster doses be opened up to other age groups. In addition, his hospital is receiving requests from families of children below 15 years who need to travel abroad to countries where a vaccine certificate is mandatory. However, as current Indian government regulations permit vaccination for only those 15 years and above, the hospital is unable to administer the available doses.

Arundhathi Chandrashekar, Managing Director, National Health Mission, said at the district level, exchange is being permitted between private hospitals and the government. "If the district administration is confident of using up vaccine stock, they can exchange their vaccine doses which have longer shelf life with those of private hospitals that are soon to expire. This is done with the approval of the state government. The same number of vaccine doses are exchanged and utilised immediately by government centres," Arundhathi said.

Of the total target second dose coverage, including 4.89 crore (4,89,16,000) adults aged 18 years and above, as well as 31.75 lakh children aged between 15 and 17 years, Karnataka has covered 4.64 crore (4,64,09,750) beneficiaries. Of the target of 21 lakh beneficiaries eligible for the booster doses, 11 lakh (11,24,096) beneficiaries have received the third dose.

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COVID BYTES

City records 485 cases

Less than 500 new Covid-19 cases were added in Bengaluru on Sunday, with 485 new patients testing positive. The last time the city saw less than 500 cases was on December 29, 2021, when 400 cases were reported. Active cases in the city dropped from 6,398 to 6,134. Meanwhile, Karnataka reported 1,001 new cases which took the state tally to 39,36,586. There were 18 deaths which put the death toll at 39,795.

WOMAN ACCUSES MLA ZAMEER AND BROTHER OF LAND GRAB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

SAMPIGEHALLI police registered an FIR against former minister and Congress MLA from Chamarajpet **Zameer Ahmed Khan**, his brother and others for cheating, trespass and other offences.

Shahista Nazeen, a resident of RT Nagar, filed a private complaint in the Seventh Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate court. The court directed police to register an FIR in December, following which police registered a case on Saturday. Nazeen has alleged that her husband and she had purchased about 5,000 sqft of land from Nazeen Khanum, MI Ateeq Khawar, MI Tareeq Anjum, and MI Fareed Ali in Chokkanahalli in two transactions, in August 2015 and March 2018. The property was registered in Gandhinagar Sub-Registrar's office, after which her husband had left to work abroad.

"When my son and I were constructing sheds on August 4, 2021, on the site, a gang of 15-20 persons came there with bulldozers, carrying lethal weapons, and warned us to leave. They claimed the land belonged to their boss Zameer Ahmed and his brother Jameel Ahmed Khan, and threatened us that no one could do anything even if they killed us. They parked private buses on the land. When we went to inquire again on September 14, they threatened us," the woman alleged. Sources said that Zameer and his brother had sold the land to their relative Ateeq Khawar in 2012, and Khawar sold the same to Nazeen and her husband. The woman has accused the MLA and his brother of trying to grab the land which they have already sold. Police named Jameel Khan, Zameer Khan, Ateeq Khawar and others as accused, and booked them for forgery for the purpose of cheating, criminal trespass, assault, public nuisance, mischief, cheating and other offences.

IN THE NICK OF TIME

Teachers intervene, save girl from child marriage

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @Davanagere

SUNITHA (name changed), a fifth standard student of a government school, would have stopped her studies and lost her precious childhood if she was married off as decided by her parents at Santhebennur village of Davanagere district.

However, villagers intervened, bailed her out and helped her restart her education.

Sunitha, who was staying with her grandparents at SBR Colony of the village, was not attending school for the last five months. Alarmed teachers started enquiring about reasons for her absence, and found out that her parents were planning to marry her, though she was underage. The teachers took the help of villagers, convinced her parents and grandparents against the marriage and ensured that she returned to school.

Sunitha's parents — the father is from Vijayapura and mother from Gollarahalli village near Santhebennur — are daily wage workers.

As they were poor and were unable to take care of their daughter, they had decided to marry Sunitha off, the teachers said.

Fire engulfs garage, no one injured

ENS @Bengaluru

AN accidental fire gutted a garage in Suddaguntepalya at 11 pm on Saturday. Fire personnel rescued 11 persons who were living in the houses above the garage.

"The building has houses on first and second floors while the ground floor is rented out to shops including a garage, which caught fire. While some of them living in the houses rushed down soon after the fire broke out, 11 persons, including a senior citizen, were still there," police said. Fire tenders rushed to the spot and doused the fire immediately.

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA
Premises & Estate Dept., Local Head Office,
2nd Floor, III/1, Pt. J.N. Marg, Bhubaneswar-751001,
Ph. No.: 0674-2394637, Email: agmpre.lhobhu@sbi.co.in

TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF ON-GRID ROOFTOP SOLAR POWER SYSTEM WITH NET METERING UNDER BHUBANESWAR CIRCLE.

SBI Bhubaneswar Circle invites tenders from interested/eligible solar vendors for the above work. The eligible/interested vendors may visit Bank's website **https://bank.sbi/web/sbi-in-the-news** under "**procurement news**" for further details to download the tender documents from **21.02.2022. to 14.03.2022.** The last date of submission of **tender is 14.03.2022 up to 4:00 PM**. Further notice/clarifications in this regard will be posted only on the Bank's above mentioned website. Bank reserves its rights to accept and reject any/all tender without assigning any reasons thereof.

Date: 21.02.2022 Sd/-
Place: Bhubaneswar Asst. General Manager (P&E)

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank ALLAHABAD
New Horizon College of Engineering, Kadubisanahalli, Outer Ring Road Bengaluru 560103. Ph -080-25639994

APPENDIX – IV{Rule-8(1)}
POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Where in The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Indian Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **02.08 2021** calling upon **Mrs. Leelavathi S. W/o.Mr. Shreenivasan V. and Mr Shreenivasan V. S/o Venkatarama Murthy, both legal heirs of Late Srivathsa S Vajpey Proprietor of M/s Srivathsa Enterprises with our New Horizon College of Engineering Branch** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.14,95,885.83 Ps**. (in words Rupees Forteen lakh Ninety Five thousand Eight hundred Eighty Five & Paise Eighty Three only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **17th day of February of the year 2022.** The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs.14,95,885.83 Ps**, and interest thereon from 07.02.2021.

We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All the Piece and parcel of property (Vacant site) bearing old Khata No 51, New Khata No. 695, Property No 2/5. measuring East to West 36.6 feet and North to South (30+32.6)/2=31.3 feet, in all measuring 1145.58 sq feet. Situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, K. R Roam Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk presently coming under BBMP limit and bounded on: East by:T Muniswamy's Property, West by. Clevin Theological church, North by: 6 feet passage ,South by K S Subramani's Property.

Date:17.02.2022 Sd/-Authorised Officer,
Place : Bangalore Indian Bank

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **17th day of February of the year 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs.47,23,583=00** and interest thereon from 07.02.2021.

We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All the Piece and parcel of property bearing Khata No. 75/1 measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1500 sq feet. situated at Bilishivale Village, Bidrahalli Hobli Bangalore East Taluk presently coming under BBMP limit and bounded on East by: Road ,West by: Road, North by: Property of Manjunatha ,South by Private Property

Date:17.02.2022 Sd/-Authorised Officer,
Place : Bangalore Indian Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Uday Menon**, S/o. late. U.V. Menon, aged about 66 years, R/o. No.302, No.2/1, Aiswarya, 2nd Appt, Srinivagilu Main road, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560034, do hereby inform to the General Public Notice that I declare that, I am the absolute owner of all that piece and parcel of Three Bedroom residential flat bearing **No. F-303** in the **3rdFloor, 'F' Block,** of the multi storied building called as **PURVA FAIRMONT,** with a built up area of **1383 Square Feet** and apportioned common area of **278 Square Feet,** along with an **enclosed Car Parking space** in the basement, along with an undivided share equivalent to **913 Square Feet** in the land, situated at Haralukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (carved out of Sy. No.56/2) measuring 7 acres and bounded on theEast by: BDA Road, West by: Remaining portion, North by:HSR Layout II Stage, South by: Private Property.

I state that the Sale Deed Document No. BAS-1-24170-2004-05 in Book-1, C.D. No. BASD122, Registration dated 24.12.2004, executed by Sri. Mr. K.N. Surender Reddy, Mrs. Vinutha S. Reddy, Mrs. S. Rashmi, Mrs. Divya. S. Reddy, Mr. S. Kartheek, Mr. I. Dasharatha Rami Reddy, Mrs. I. Vilasiniamma, Mrs. I. Ramadevi, Mr.I. Panduranga Reddy, Mr. I. M. Basavaraj, Mr. I. M. Mallikarjun, Mr. I. M. Puttanna, Mr. I. M. Dayanand and M/s. Puravankara Projects Limited in favor of my vendor Mrs. Shoba George and Mr. Stazy. M. George in the office of the sub-registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore has been lost at Koramangala Bangalore.

I further declare that, inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same, I have lodged police complaint on 13.03.2020 at Bangalore City vide Complaint No. 055783/2020, if anybody finds the above said documents please inform **Ms. Rosa Paramel** Advocate, Bangalore, (9845546056)

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, KALABURAGI
Email:commissionerguda@gmail.com

No: KUDA/DB/M. Halli/S.station/2021-22/3213 Date: 19-02-2022

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL-3)

The Commissioner KUDA Kalaburagi invites tender from the eligible tenderers, for the work of DRAWING (4 KM) LINE WORK FROM 110 KVA SUBSTATION TO CONNECTING 33/11 KV SUB STATION IN RESIDENTIAL LAYOUT AT SY. NO. 23, 27, 28 AT MADARASANAHALLI KUDA SCHEME, KALABURAGI as per standard tender document KW-3. The tenderers may submit tenders for the work given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) the tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in the instructions to tenders to qualify for the award of the contract and go through the general conditions for eligible tenderers and technical qualification criteria given in the e-portal.

Calender of events :

1) Amount put to tender : **Rs. 73,50,000/-,** 2) EMD Amount : Rs. 1,47,000/-, 3) Period of completion : 04 Months, 3) Last date for submission of tender: **08-03-2022 upto 4.00 pm,** 4) Date of opening of Technical Bid : **10-03-2022 @ 4.30 pm,** 5) Date of opening of Financial Bid: **15-03-2022 @ 11.00 am** OR After Technical Bid approval

Further details can be sought from the Assistant Executive Engineer, KUDA Kalaburagi during the office hours.

Sd/- Commissioner
Urban Development Authority Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1130/MC&A/2021-22

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
(SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE TO RESPONDENT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION VIDE COURT ORDER DATED: 14/02/2022)

CEA No. 05 / 2021
(Video Conferencing)

PETITIONERS : Principal Commissioner of Central Taxes, Bangalore North Commissinerate
Formally Commissioner of Central Excise, Customs and Service Tax.
Vs.
RESPONDENTS : M/s. World Space India Pvt. Ltd.

To, RESPONDENT :
M/S. WORLD SPACE INDIA PVT. LTD., 2nd Floor, Mithra Towers 10/4, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Karnataka.
...RESPONDENT

Whereas the aforementioned appeal preferred Under Section 35G of the Central Excise Act 1944, as in the copy of the memorandum of appeal annexed hereunto, has been registered by this court.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate or through some one duly authorized by law to Act, for you in this matter **on 22.03.2022 at 10.30 A.M**, to show cause why the appeal should not be allowed. If you fail so to appear the appeal will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this the 14th day of February 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT,
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Estd: 1947-48 Regd: No.1568 Ph: 250156
ANJUMAN - E - ISLAM
M. G. Road, BIJAPUR-586101 (Karnataka State)
WANTED

Ref.No.ಕಾಶಿಇ/15/ಲಾ/ಮಾಕಾಕ/2012-13/ಧಾವಿ/ಸೇವಿ-2 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು. ದಿನಾಂಕ:29.01.2022
Ref.No.ಕಾಶಿಇ/ಪ್ರಾಥಾ/100/ಮಾಕಾಬು/ಜೆಎಸ್-7/2016-17/2227 ಧಾರವಾಡ, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.02.2022

Applications are invited from elgible candidates for the following posts to be filled in the Anjuman Law College, Vijayapura (Minority Institution).

SL. NO	Subject	No.of Posts
1	Director of Physical Education	01

(a) Candidates must hold masters degree in the concerned subject with minimum 55% of marks (50% for SC/ST) from a University established by Law in India. **(b)** Candidates must have qualified in SLET /NET or Ph.D with the course work , eligibility of candidates possessing Ph.D qualification/registered prior to 11.07.2009 will be subject to fulfilling the conditions laid in UGC notifications dated 04/05/2016. **(c)** Qualification /Eligibility as per norms of UGC & Govt of Karnataka. The detailed application along with attested copies of certificates, Demand Draft of Rs.2000/- (Non refundable) in favour of secretary, Anjuma E- Islam, Vijayapur. "The application with all documents should reach the undersigned on or before 14th March -2022 "

Note: Application for the post of **Director of Physical Education.**
No.Of Post : 01

(a) Applications received after the Due date & incomplete applications will not be considered. One copy of the application along with copies of the enclosures should be sent to the joint director, Dept of Collegiate Education, Regional office, Mini Vidhan Soudha, Dharawad **(b)** candidate is informed to send unsealed envelope with self address, affixing necessary postal stamps. **(c)** The complete application with all documents should reach the undersigned on or before 14th March 2022 during office hours.

Place: Vijayapur Sd/- Secretary
Date: 21-02.2022 Anjuman -E-Islam, Vijayapur.

SBFC
SBFC Finance Private Limited
(erstwhile Small Business Fincredit India Private Limited)
Registered Office:- Unit No. 103, First Floor, C&B Square, Sangam Complex, Village Chakala, Andheri- Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400059.

POSSESSION NOTICE
(As per Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **SBFC Finance Private Limited** under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued Demand Notices upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/Co-borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates.

The Borrower/Co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SBFC Finance Private Limited.**

Name and Address of Borrowers & Date of Demand Notice	Description of Property(ies) & Date of Possession	Amount demanded in Possession Notice (Rs.)
1. CHANDRASEKHAR KARUNAKARN, 2. SAVITHA D, Both Having Address At, No.11, Sandhayagappa Compound, Veeranapalya, Nagawara (V) A C Post, Bangalore, (Behind Bel Corp Office) Karnataka - 560045. **Demand Notice Date:** 27–Apr- 2021 & 15-May-2021	All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Site No 11, Assessment No 24/2 And 24/3, Presently Cms Khatha No 1106, Situated At Eranna Palya Village , Nagawara Dhakle, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluka, Banglore, Measuring East To West, 40 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, In All Measuring 1200 Sq Feet. **Date of Possession:** 16-Feb-22	**Rs.2561080/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh(s) Sixty One Thousand Eighty Only) as on 24th April 2021 & **Rs.592398/-** (Rupees Five Lakh(s) Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Eight Only) as on 7th May 2021
1. ABHINAND C, 2. NETHRAVATHI A, Both Having Address At, No 7th, 5th Cross, Choulurpalya, Bangalore, North,Bangalore, Opp Shilapleathers, Karnataka - 560023. Demand Notice Date: 15-May-21	All The Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Residential Premises Bearing New No 7, Old No 27, Formed In Survey No 44, Bcc No 21, Cholurpalya, Hosahalli Extension, 5th Cross Road, Banglore - 560023, Measuring About East To West 23 Feet And North To South 45 Feet Covering 6 1/2 Square Plinth Rcc Roof Area Of The Building Constructed In The Year 1975, Red Oxide Flooring With Common Passage Of East To West 5 Feet And North To South 31 Feet And **Bounded As Under:** East By - Site No 26, West By - Half Of Remaining Portion Of Site No 27, North By - Site No 16, South By - Hasahallu Extension 5th Cross Road. **Date of Possession:** 17-Feb-22	**Rs.1055521/-** (Rupees Ten Lakh(s) Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty One Only) as on 7th May 2021

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Place: Bangalore Sd/-
Dated: 21/02/2022 (Authorized Officer)
SBFC Finance Private Limited.

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ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 08225-272128 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 08225-272123 Email : sec.mmtemple@gmail.com
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Two more persons, including a gram panchayat member, have been arrested in connection with a tiger hunting case at Tattalli tribal settlement in Kodagu district. With this, the number of persons arrested in the case has gone up to six. The latest to be arrested in the case are Appaji, a member of Chennayanakote gram panchayat and a tribal leader and Monoj, who are said to be the main accused in the case

STRAWS IN THE WIND

CM again? World's a stage for BSY

Former CM B S Yediyurappa, who held office as chief minister four times since 2007 and quit on July 28, 2021, will be 'chief minister' again. Not his fifth innings, but his debut as actor in a biopic 'Tanuja', based on the real-life story of a second-year PU student from Shivamogga, who faced hardship in writing NEET. So what's BSY doing in the film? As CM, he had helped Tanuja who had missed NEET once as she was afflicted with Covid-19, and almost missed writing it the second time due to technical glitches. She then approached BSY and wrote the examination, emerging with flying colours. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who also played a helpful role, is likely to be cast in the movie too. "BSY acted naturally," remarked a co-star after shooting.

No fear, Bhat has grown strong roots

Udupi BJP MLA K Raghupathi Bhat, in the news over the hijab row that erupted in a college of which he is chairman of the development committee, made a candid admission: that even in BJP, leaders first make sure their roots are strong before deciding on other issues. Bhat's remarks assume significance amid speculation that Congress leader Pramod Madhwaraj is joining the BJP. Bhat said he was taken aback over speculation ahead of the 2018 elections and was afraid he would miss the poll bus. No longer. Bhat asserted that there is no such fear now as his "roots are strong". Neither is there an election on the horizon. It's still not clear, though, if Pramod is joining the BJP.

KSE fan base does abhishekam

Pouring milk on the photograph of a favourite leader to celebrate victory or mark birthday celebrations, is common. But these days, making controversial statements is fetching similar laurels. While Opposition leaders are on an indefinite stir inside Vidhana Soudha, demanding RDPR Minister K S Eshwarappa's resignation over his controversial statement that the saffron flag will be hoisted on Red Fort, his fans' association (yes, there is one) has done abhishekam for his photo. Eshwarappa is known for bizarre talk, but this time the Opposition has taken up the issue in all seriousness. Sedition? What's that?

Kharge visits Soudha in Kashmiri cap

Opposition leader in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday visited the Karnataka Assembly lounge, to express solidarity with party legislators who are on day and night dharna, demanding RDPR Minister K S Eshwarappa's resignation over the 'bhagwa' flag hoisting. Kharge, with KPCC president D K Shivakumar to his left and the leader of opposition Siddaramaiah to his right, had a serious chat with former Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar about Eshwarappa. While it was an irresponsible statement, Eshwarappa has RSS backing, he remarked. Kharge looked a bit odd though, in a Kashmiri Karakul cap which is the trademark of former Union minister Ghulam Nabi Azad.

Yoga and cricket during Grama Vastavya

Health and Medical Education Minister K Sudhakar has solved various problems in the village of Hosahudya, where he stayed during the Grama Vastavya programme. Amid protests by Congress legislators against minister Eshwarappa, Sudhakar involved himself in a programme in Hosahudya village. The minister stayed at the village and spoke to villagers on the spot, solving various issues. In his spare time, he and Deputy Commissioner R Latha, SP GK Mithun Kumar and senior officials performed yoga. Later, the minister played cricket with youngsters in the village, winning hearts all over again.

BJP LIKELY TO RUSH THROUGH BILLS

Session may be adjourned; Congress to stick to stand on RDPR Minister Eshwarappa over saffron flag remark

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WITH Congress legislators firm on continuing with their day and night dharna, demanding RDPR minister K S Eshwarappa's dismissal over the 'bhagwa' flag issue in both Houses on Monday, the Assembly Speaker and Council Chairman are likely to adjourn the session after passing certain bills.

The BJP is said to be considering the possibility of getting the Anti-Conversion Bill passed in the Council. It was passed in the Assembly during the Belagavi session in December. There have been instances of bills being passed amid a din, before the session is adjourned sine die. The session, which started on February 14, is scheduled to conclude on February 25 in an abrupt manner.

BJP to chalk out strategy today

With the Congress continuing its protest against RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa over his saffron flag remark, the BJP has called for an emergency meeting on Monday morning to chalk out its strategy. BJP state chief Nalin Kumar Kateel will hold a separate meeting at 10 am. CM Bommai will visit the party office in the evening.

Congress legislators, including KPCC chief DK Shivakumar, exercise outside Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

The Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1944, Karnataka Amendment Bill, 2022, Karnataka Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 2022, Karnataka Stamp (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022, Karnataka Civil Services (Validation of Selection and Appointment of 2011 batch Gazetted Probationers) Bill, 2022, have been introduced in both Houses and are due for debate before their passage. The Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021, is likely to be placed in the Upper House, sources told *TNIE*.

Speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri and Council chairman Basavaraj Horatti will try to convince Opposition legislators to cooperate on discussions over other issues, as per the agenda, and also the bills introduced. But there were no signs of Congress members conceding their stand, with opposition leaders Siddaramaiah and BK Hariprasad having made up their mind not to call off the dharna until action is taken against Eshwarappa.

"The Speaker will wait for one more day as passage of the bills is more important for the BJP," said a BJP leader.

Some Congress legislators had expected that the House will be adjourned sine die on Friday but the Speaker adjourned until Monday. Interestingly, the Congress is planning to relaunch the Mekedatu padayatra on February 27.

Ashoka questions Cong's silence, suspects ISI role behind hijab row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

REVENUE Minister R Ashoka on Sunday questioned what he called the "silence" of Congress leaders over the ongoing hijab row. Addressing the media during his 'grama vasstavya' (village stay) programme at Kenjooru in Udupi district, Ashoka said that the Congress, being the main opposition party, should have been critical of the government. But instead, its leaders are walking away from a debate on the issue in the Legislature, he thundered.

"Congress should have discussed whether education of students is hampered. But it is not ready for any kind of discussion. Congress is not able to take a stand on the hijab row. We have taken a stand on the matter ... to assert that nation is first than religion. But the Congress fears to talk about the hijab issue because if they do so, people will know its true colour," he said.

Revenue Minister R Ashoka serves breakfast to students of Morarji Desai Residential School in Alooru in Udupi district on Sunday

"The entire student fraternity is disturbed after the hijab issue was taken to the international level. Can the six girls, who started the hijab issue in a government PU college in Udupi, make it an international issue all by themselves? There appears to be a Pakistan ISI link behind the spread of the hijab row. Students at least now should understand that education is important than religion," he said.

Ashoka said the divide between KPCC president DK Shivakumar and CLP leader Siddaramaiah is widening by the day. "Shivakumar wants to show his upmanship by ensuring that only his portraits got displayed during the recent Mekedatu padayatra. He does not even give space for senior Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi or Rahul Gandhi while taking political mileage," he commented. "Even the 'Soft Hindutva' approach is not rescuing the Congress from distress," Ashoka ridiculed.

DAYLIGHT HORROR

8 arrested for brandishing sword near Ballari college

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@ Ballari

EIGHT men, who were involved in an incident of a sword being carried during a Chhatrapati Shivaji birth anniversary procession near a college, were arrested on Saturday. A few more people who were involved in the incident are missing and will be arrested over the next few days, the police said.

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 were in place around Saraladevi College in Ballari to prevent protests over the hijab issue. But the accused youth, who were riding two-wheelers, started shouting pro-Hindu slogans in front of the college and also, one of the riders was carrying a sword. The police took up the investigation and booked cases against the organisers. Eight people have been arrested based on the registration numbers of their two-wheelers. Superintendent of Police Saidulu Adavath said that more arrests are likely as some of the accused are absconding. "Despite the prohibitory orders, the procession passed in front of the college. Brandishing a sword is a clear violation of law," he added.

Nagaraj Bhat, a social worker, said, "The situation has been tense after the hijab row-related protests. Citizens and students should respect the law. College authorities should talk to students and parents to prevent such incidents."

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'Congress should take firm stand on dress code controversy'

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WHILE Siddaramaiah and MLAs from the minority community have taken a firm stand and hit out at the government over its handling of the hijab row, most other senior leaders are hesitant to come out openly in support of the minority community as they fear a backlash from majority community voters during the Assembly polls, the sources added.

The party's minority community MLAs met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Primary Education Minister BC Nagesh and asked them to implement the Karnataka High Court interim order fairly and not to impose a blanket ban on hijab. The issue, however, has not been raised on the floor of the Assembly and Council.

Justifying the party's stand, a legislator from the minority community, who was part of the delegation that met the chief minister, said the party needs to handle the issue with caution as some elements are waiting to take advantage of it. But sources said that instead of being silent, the party should take a firm stand on such issues. "It is not just about Muslims, other communities too are watching us to see how we can protect them in times of crisis. Such issues are likely to come up ahead of elections and we should take a clear stand," they added.

Shivakumar had been called for a similar meeting soon after he took over as state Congress president. But he had sought time then, and later, only he and Siddaramaiah had gone to meet leaders in Delhi. "Now, the meeting will include a number of other senior leaders and their opinion will be sought on various issues as there is not much time ahead of the Assembly elections. Besides, we have to explain our plan of action to our legislators, train them and decide who will take up what issues," Shivakumar said.

"The BJP is trying to divide the country and the economy is in a bad shape. Our central leaders have prepared a report to show how officers are being misused during elections," he said, adding that around 10-15 leaders from the state have been called for the meeting to discuss all those issues.

Siddaramaiah told reporters on Sunday, "They have called us to discuss preparations for the 2023 elections." On the hijab row, he said that the government should not stop people from practising customs.

Rahul Gandhi is likely to hold more such meetings ahead of the polls, the party sources said.

NEW ATTRACTION

CM announces Tungabhadra aarti on lines of Ganga aarti

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davanagere

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said that the State Government has decided to introduce 'Tungabhadra aarti' on the banks of the Tungabhadra river at Harihar town similar to the popular 'Ganga aarti' of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh.

Speaking to the media, Bommai said Harihar will be developed into a major pilgrimage and tourist centre in the coming days.

Bommai also laid the foundation stone for '108 yoga mantapas', first-of-its-kind in South India, worth Rs 30 crore on the banks of the Tungabhadra river near Raghavendra Swamy Mutt in Harihar. The project was proposed by Panchamasali gurupeetha head Vachananda Swami.

On pollution of rivers

Bommai stressed on the need to prevent pollution of rivers and said all rivers in Karnataka that flow through urban areas are polluted. He said the government will frame a project to clean them, including Tungabhadra, and thus pave the way for progress of culture.

Referring to the Sri Kashi Vishwanath Dham Corridor in Varanasi, he said, "Earlier, we had to search for Vishwanath temple in Kashi due to the presence of many outlets around the temple. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi changed the destiny of Kashi and now wide corridors welcome devotees."

Besides the 108 yoga mantapas, Hoysala's Hari-Hareshwara temple, railway over bridge, walking path, boating and other development works would be initiated under 'Tungabhadra aarti' project.

Likening Hari (Vishnu) and Hara (Shiva) to two nuclear reactions, Bommai said, "Both fission and fusion are nuclear reactions that produce energy, but the processes are very different. Fission is the splitting of a heavy, unstable nucleus into two lighter nuclei, and fusion is the process where two light nuclei combine together releasing vast amounts of energy. Similarly, this place is the combination of two energies Hari and Hara and this is the centre of devotion, spirituality and energy," he said.

Will restore Harihar's past glory, says Bommai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davanagere

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday that the government would restore the lost glory of Harihar that once hosted several industries and employed thousands of people.

Recalling the past, Bommai said, "Kirloskar and Birla industries had given employment to thousands of people in the past. Now they have been closed down, Our government will take steps to restore the lost glory to Harihar." He said that Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani will take steps in this direction. Harihar is part of the Chennai-Mumbai industrial corridor.

Bommai said the government has released Rs 40 crore for the development of Harihar under Nagarothana scheme. "Also, Rs 22 crore has been released for developing 40 km of roads in Harihar town. Also, development of 59 km rural roads have also been approved by the government. A Police Public School and a Karnataka Public School are coming up. Already Rs 40 crore has been granted," Bommai said.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai prays on the banks of the Tungabhadra river in Harihar on Sunday

"Of the five elements of nature (Panchabhoothas), conservation and cleanliness of water is most important. Civilizations have thrived on the banks of rivers over the last 5,000 years. Every river has fostered its own culture. Civilization and culture have grown together. Some believe civilization itself is culture. But it is not. While the change is civilization, what we are denotes the culture. Civilization has thrived on the banks of Tungabhadra, this programme has been drawn up to foster the culture," he said.

Siddu wants restrictions on ragi procurement to go

ENS @ Bengaluru

LEADER of Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah has urged PM Narendra Modi to direct the State Government to remove all restrictions and ceilings imposed on ragi procurement.

In a letter to Modi, the CLP leader has urged him to direct the government to extend registration time and increase the quantum of procurement above the current 2.1 lakh tonne to accommodate all farmers willing to sell it to procurement centres. "The government had started registration for ragi procurement under MSP from January 1 and ended it on January 31. Many farmers are yet to register," the Badami MLA said. "Based on the estimates by Agriculture Department, ragi was sown in about 19.35 lakh acres. Agriculture Department estimates the production of 1 tonne of ragi in 1 acre and so we can expect 19.3 lakh tonnes of ragi. About 4-5 lakh tonnes of ragi was destroyed due to unseasonal rain. Farmers still have 15 lakh tonnes of ragi and are waiting to sell at MSP," he said.

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> Siddaramaiah, former CM

Siddaramaiah said the MSP for ragi was increased by just Rs 82 per quintal, from Rs 3,295 per quintal in 2020-2021 to Rs 3,377 in 2021-2022. Karnataka has agreed to procure only 2.1 lakh tonnes of ragi but this is not sufficient at all. The government had issued an order saying that it would procure ragi only from the small and marginal farmers at a rate of 20 quintals per acre. This had meant that those having more than five acres of land had been left out of the market intervention scheme. Farmers are protesting to remove the acre ceiling imposed by the State government the procurement, he said.

Naval might on display, Prez to attend

Presidential yacht will sail past 44 ships anchored in four lanes, will be given ceremonial salute

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Visakhapatnam

VISAKHAPATNAM is set to host two major naval exercises - the international fleet review on Monday, and the Multi-national naval exercise (MILAN) from February 25 to March 4.

President Ram Nath Kovind arrived in the city Sunday evening on a three-day visit and will participate in PFR 2022 on Monday. Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan and Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy along with a host of other dignitaries, welcomed him.

Kovind will review the Naval Fleet comprising more than 60 ships and submarines and 55 aircrafts. This is the 12th Fleet Review and has a special significance as it is being conducted as the country is celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. INS Sumitra, indigenously designed and built Sarayu class ship, will be the Presidential yacht. It will lead the Presidential Column.

Ships from all Naval Commands and Andaman and Nicobar Command are anchored in four columns. The Presidential yacht will sail past 44 ships anchored in four lanes, and will be accorded the ceremonial salute, one by one.

Naval ships during final rehearsals of PFR 2022, off RK Beach in Visakhapatnam | EXPRESS

The participating platforms in the review include newly inducted combat platforms, the latest stealth destroyer INS Visakhapatnam and INS Vela, a Kalvari class submarine commissioned into the Indian Navy recently.

Indian Naval Ships Chennai, Delhi, Teg, and three Shivalik class frigates, and three Kamorta class ASW Corvettes will also form part of the review.

Ships from the Coast Guard, Shipping Corporation of India & Ministry of Earth Sciences are also taking part. A composite Fly Past by Chetaks, ALH, Sea Kings, KAMOVs, Dorniers, IL-38SD, P8I, Hawks and MiG 29K will also form part of the Review. As many as 47 out the 60 ships and submarines participating in the PFR have been constructed in Indian shipyards.

The president will also be reviewing the Indian Naval Air Arm. Several waterfront activities, including Parade of Sails, Search and Rescue Demonstration at Sea, Aerobatics by Hawk aircraft and Water Para Jumps by the elite Marine Commandos (MARCOS) will be conducted.

A special First Day Cover and a commemorative stamp would be launched by the President. This is the third fleet review in Vizag.

MILAN-22 from February 25

More than 45 countries have been invited to this event and more than 15 foreign warships and aircraft, 11 Chiefs of Navies of foreign countries and also Coast Guard and more than 120 delegates would be participating.

Chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy will be the chief guest.

City parade on February 27 will be highlight of the MILAN.

OFFLINE MODE

Kerala kids back to school after 2 years

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram

AFTER nearly two years of Covid restrictions, 47 lakh students in standards 1 to 12 in schools that follow the state syllabus are set to attend full-day classes again from Monday. Around 1.95 lakh teachers and 22,000 non-teaching staff will be on duty in these schools.

The pre-primary section will function in the forenoon session from Monday to Friday for the time being. According to General Education Minister V Sivankutty, all arrangements have been made in accordance with the detailed set of guidelines issued earlier. The minister added that the directive on resumption of full-day classes was also applicable to CBSE and ICSE schools.

"Schools are ready to function in full swing. Parents and teachers need not have any anxiety," Sivankutty said in a statement. Arrangements have also been made in schools to provide noon meal to students included in the scheme.

A total of 38 lakh students in Class I to 10, 7.5 lakh students in the higher secondary sector and 66,000 students in VHSE section are expected to attend full-day classes in government and aided schools. Even though classes went on uninterrupted for students in Classes 10-12 during the third wave, it was conducted on a shift basis.

'State must have say in naming Guv'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'puram

AMID the ongoing spat with Governor Arif Mohammad Khan on various issues, the Left government in Kerala has proposed amending the Constitution to have a say in the appointment of the governor and facilitate impeachment if he violates the Constitution or fails to discharge duties. The proposal has been submitted as the state's response to the recommendations of the MM Punchhi Commission that was formed to study the Centre-State relations.

The Constitution allows the governor to remain in office during the pleasure of the President, and there is no provision that permits impeachment.

The state government had earlier given its responses to the Punchhi commission report, but the standing committee had turned down some them, following which the government sent its final proposals recently.

The government also proposed that if possible, the governor should be appointed from a panel of four persons suggested by the chief minister. The state government shall be given the right to call back the governor if he/she takes an approach against the reasonable stance of the state government, the proposal said. Currently the President appoints the governors while the Centre has prerogative of nominating them.

The government has also disagreed with the commission's recommendation that set a cooling-off period of two years for politicians to be appointed as governors, saying that any person who meets the criteria can be appointed as governor. The state government also differed with the panel's recommendation that the governor should follow the Supreme Court directive in cases including giving prosecution sanction against ministers. The state also diagreed with the recommendation that a person can be elected to the Rajya Sabha only from his native state.

TN: Repolling in seven booths across five wards

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THE Tamil Nadu State Election Commission (SEC) on Sunday ordered repolling in seven polling booths for urban local body elections in five wards in the Chennai Corporation and Thirumangalam, Jayankondan and Thiruvannamalai municipalities.

The repolling will be held on Monday between 7 am and 6 pm, and in Chennai, repolling will be conducted in booth number 1174 AV in ward 51 in Washermenpet, and booth number 5059 AV in ward 179 in Odaikuppam in Besant Nagar.

Similarly, repolling was ordered in ward 17 (booth no. 17W) of Thirumangalam, ward 16 (booth no.16M and 16W) of Jayamkondan, ward 25 (booth no. 57M and 57W) of Tiruvannamalai municipalities.

Various candidates, including from the Dravidian majors, demanded repolling in these places, alleging cash distribution and other poll violations. On Saturday, around 2.30 pm, a group of DMK cadre barged into a polling booth at Odaikuppam in Besant Nagar, and allegedly damaged the EVM, said sources, adding that voters were bribed by the AIADMK candidate.

The DMK men were evicted immediately and the EVM was changed. The number of votes polled in the damaged EVM and the records maintained by the booth-level agents matched.

"However, repolling was ordered as both parties entered into clashes," said an election official. Thiruvanmiyur police registered an FIR.

Meanwhile, in Chennai, EVMs were shifted to strong rooms in Loyola College and Anna University after polling. The counting of votes will be held on Tuesday.

AFTER SIX YEARS

Student gets seat in non-existent nursing college

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S @Karwar

THE Karnataka State Nursing and Paramedical Science Education has allocated a seat to a student in the CET to a college that has been almost non-existent for the past six years here.

Praveena Gavada, a student from Joida, had appeared for CET seeking a seat in a nursing college. Her joy knew no bounds when she got an admission just 60 km away from her home town Kalaysayi village in Joida taluk in Kumbarwada grama panchayat.

But on arriving for admission, she was shocked as the college allotted to her – 'Arpita School of Nursing-412' – no longer existed. "This has happened earlier too and always it is the students of rural areas who suffer," Madhav Naik, a social worker here questioned. When contacted, S R Desai, former principal of the nursing college said, "The Board is doing this. How many times we should inform them that our institution is not functioning."

Historians seethe over cement use for restoration of 8th century temple

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE restoration work of historic structures is done with extreme care to retain the original architecture. But in Begur, the restoration and renovation of Nageshware temple complex, built by the Ganga dynasty in the 7th or 8th century, is being done using cement that has infuriated residents, historians and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) officials.

"The restoration was taken up in this cluster of temples. The intention is good, but they are using cement for the work, which is a violation of archaeological norms. Cement was introduced in India some 100 years ago, while the temples are from the seventh century. This is not conservation," said a historian, working closely with the Department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage (DAMH).

The temples are important, not just for their fine architecture but also because the first-ever mention of Bengaluru is made in the inscription of 890 BC. The hero stone records the death of Buttanapati, son of chieftain Nagattara and of Pervonasetti, in the battle of Bengaluru. "This means that there has been a place named Bengaluru for at least 1,100 years," said a DAMH official.

There is a cluster of temples and renovation is being done. The intention is good, but they are using cement for the work, which is a violation of the archaeology norms. Cement is prohibited.

Historian

Cement is being used for restoration work at the 8th century temple in Begur, Bengaluru

Locals and guides point out that cranes and earthmovers are being used when the work should be done manually. "All conservation work should be done delicately and that is the why they are time consuming. It will be looked into," said an ASI official.

A DAMH official said the work started a month ago and a lot of damage has already been done. "The work is being executed by PWD engineers, who have little or no knowledge of the heritage value of the temples. Even as it is mentioned in the contract that manual labour should be employed, cranes are being used to save 80 per cent of labour costs. The work executed so far has cost Rs 1 crore. Historians and archaeologists were not consulted before the work," revealed the official.

DAMH Commissioner BR Poornima, however, said that all works are being done as per ASI guidelines. Cement is being used at the base and walkways. In all such works, cement is used only to strengthen the base as there is no other alternative, she added.

EXPRESS READ

518 litres of liquor seized

Belagavi: A team of excise officials led by Excise Inspector Dawalsab Sindogi has seized 518 litres of Goa liquor which was being transported to some other place on Ramnagar-Alanavar Road in Khanapur taluk. The officials also seized a vehicle and a person was taken into custody and produced before court. The raid was conducted under the guidance of excise commissioner Y Manjunath.

Estate workers dead

Madikeri: Two estate labourers were found dead on a private estate in Kodagu. The incident was reported at Chelavara village and has been recorded at Napoklu police station. The victims Paulus and Sukumar, from Kerala, reportedly had alcohol. Sukumar is said to have died a natural death while Paulus committed suicide by hanging himself.

Notice under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The Act)

S. No.	Name of Borrower(s) (A)	Particulars of Mortgaged property/ (ies) (B)	Date Of NPA (C)	Outstanding Amount (Rs.) (D)
1.	LOAN ACCOUNT NO. HLLAMYS00460424 1. JAYAMMA 2. V M BALAKRISHAN	3A, SRHS, NES COLONY, HUNSUR, MYSORE DISTT., MYSURU KARNATAKA-571105.	15.12.2021	Rs. 11,03,348.61 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty Eight and Sixty One Paisa Only) As On 15.12.2021

That the above named borrower(s) have failed to maintain the financial discipline towards their loan account (s) and as per books of accounts maintained in the ordinary course of business by the Company, Column D indicates the outstanding amount.

Due to persistent default in repayment of the Loan amount on the part of the Borrower(s) the above said loan account has been classified by the Company as Non Performing Asset (as on date in Column C) within the guidelines relating to assets classification issued by Regulating Authority. Consequently, notices under Sec. 13(2) of the Act were also issued to each of the borrower.

In view of the above, the Company hereby calls upon the above named Borrower(s) to discharge in full his/their liabilities towards the Company by making the payment of the entire outstanding dues indicated in Column D above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the Company shall be entitled to take possession of the Mortgaged Property mentioned in Column B above and shall also take such other actions as is available to the Company in law.

Please note that in terms of provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, "A borrower can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Secured Creditor only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Further it may also be noted that in case Borrower fails to redeem the secured asset within aforesaid legally prescribed time frame, Borrower may not be entitled to redeem the property."

In terms of provision of sub-Section (13) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of his business) any of the secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of secured creditor.

For Indiabulls Commercial Credit Ltd.
Authorized Officer

Place: MYSURU/KODAGU (KARNATAKA)

KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited

KMF Complex: Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536625 / 25536789 fax: 080-25536105.

IFTNo.KMF/ENGG/CFP-Dharwad/01403/2021-22 Date: 18.02.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
[TWO COVER SYSTEM] [THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender from the eligible suppliers / manufacturers / reputed eligible firms through E-procurement for the work mentioned in the table below. The interested and reputed suppliers / manufacturers / firms who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website.gov.in and also contact Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.

Sl No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (Rs)	Period of completion
1	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 35-40 TPH Capacity raw material Chain Conveyor (03 Nos) &35-40 TPH Capacity Elevators (02 Nos) with accessories for Cattle Feed Plant at Dharwad.	1 JOB	1,66,560/-	06 months

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated: 21.02.2022 to 11.03.2022 up to 4.00 PM.
2. Last date for Tender submission date 11.03.2022 up to 4.00 PM.
3. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: 14.03.2022 at 11.30 AM.

Hence forth changes / modification in the tender, It will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

For Karnataka Co-Opp. Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/-
Director [Engineering]

KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK
(A scheduled Bank owned by Government:Sponsored by Canara Bank)
Regional Office, Bengaluru – 560072 Karnataka
R & L Section
Ph: 080-23186095,23217079 : Email:br2504@kgbk.in
221, Manju mansions, 6th block, 2nd stage, 80 feet ring road,
Opp BWSSB Office, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore – 560 072

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank,** under the Securitization and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers/ mortgagor/guarantor to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on date mentioned below

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank,** for an amount mentioned as follows and interest plus charges thereon, till the date of realization of due.

Sl No.1) Borrower : (1) Sri.Thippanna s/o Muthanna (Borrower & Mortgager) (2) Smt.Bhagyamma w/o Thippanna (Borrower & Mortgager) (3) Sri.Mohan Kumar s/o Thippanna (Mortgager) (4) Kumari.T.Radhamma d/o Thippanna (Mortgager) (5) Sri. T.Murali s/o Thippanna (Mortgager) All are R/at Mugabala, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District - 562114
Branch : Mugabala Possession Notice Dated: 15/02/2022, Demand Notice Dated: 01/09/2021,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.3,90,120/- (Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Thousand One Hundred & Twenty Only) as on 29.01.2022 and interest from 30.01.2022.
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the Property having **(1)** Janjur No.1, Khaneshumari/ Property No.18 Measuring East to West-19 feet North to South- 35 feet, bounded : **East :** Road, **West :** Own property, **North :** Own property, **South :** Property of Venkataramanappa. **(2)** Khaneshumari/Property No.19/1 Measuring East to West-27 feet North to South- 25 feet, bounded : **East :** Site No.18, **West :** Own property, **North :** Property of Nagaraj, **South :** Property of Ramaiah. **(3)** Sy.No.20 measuring 2.04 guntas, **East :** Road, **West :** Bachegowda, **North :** Bachegowda, **South :** Road. All the Properties are Situated at Mugabala Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Mugabala Gramapanchayath Limits Bengaluru Rural District. The Property is in the name of **Sri.Thippanna s/o Muthanna.**

Sl No.2) Borrower : (1) Sri.Gopalappa s/o Marappa R/at Maranagere village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District - 562114**, (2) Sri.Ramappa s/o Marappa (Guarantor)** R/at Maranagere village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District - 562114.
Branch : Kalkunte Possession Notice Dated: 15/02/2022, Demand Notice Dated: 20/11/2020,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.1,55,662/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Six Hundred & Sixty Two Only) as on 31.01.2022 and interest from **01.02.2022.**
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the property having Junjer No.145, Site No.3, Serial & Junjer No.3 measuring E-W-40 feet and N-S-30 feet situated at Maranagere Village, Ganagaluru Grama Panchayath, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. This Property is in the name of **Sri. Gopalappa s/o Marappa.** bounded : **East :** Site No.4, **West :** Site No.2, **North :** Govt Property, **South :** Road.

Sl No.3) Borrower : (1) Sri.Rajanna S K s/o Late Kenchappa (2) Sri.Prabhakar s/o Rajanna S K Both are R/at Siddapura, Kemblinganahalli (P), Hosakote (Tq), Bengaluru Rural (D) - 562114
Branch : Mallimakanapura Possession Notice Dated: 15/02/2022, Demand Notice Dated: 27/11/2019,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.2,56,150 /- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Six Thousand One Hundred & Fifty Only) as on 31.01.2022 and interest from **01.02.2022** .
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the Property bearing serial No.44, Junjar/Khatha No.44 measuring E to W – 38 Ft and N-S - 50 feet Situated at Siddapura (V), Nandagudi (H), Hosakote (Tq), Bengaluru Rural (D).This Property is in the name of **Sri.Rajanna S K s/o Late Kenchappa**, bounded : **East :** Property of Nanjundappa, **West :** Private Property, **North :** Private Property, **South :** Property of Narayana Swamy.

Sl No.4) Borrower : (1) Sri. Byrappa K s/o Kenchappa R/at Doddakoliga, Begur (P), Hosakote (Tq), Banglore Rural-562129 **(2) Sri. Doddaveeranna s/o Gullappa (Guarantor)** R/at Doddakoliga, Begur (P), Hosakote (Tq), Banglore Rural-562129.
Branch : Mallimakanapura Possession Notice Dated: 15/02/2022, Demand Notice Dated: 29/12/2020,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.3,96,991/- (Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred & Ninety One Only) as on 31.01.2022 and interest from **01.02.2022** .
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the Property having Junjar No.87, Khaneshumari No.22 measuring E to W – 120 Ft and N-S - 65 feet Situated at Doddakoliga (V), Sulibele (H), Hosakote (Tq), Bangalore rural (D).This Property is in the name of **Sri. Byrappa K s/o Kenchappa**, bounded : **East :** Kenchappa & Gopal, **West :** Govt Road, **North :** Rajanna, **South :** Property of Kenchappa.

Sl No.5) Borrower : (1) Sri. Devaraj s/o Muniyappa R/at Sonnahallipura, Sulibele Hobli, Hosakote (Tq), Banglore Rural-562122 **(2) Sri. S.N.Lokesh s/o Narayanapa (Guarantor)** R/at Sonnahallipura, Sulibele Hobli, Hosakote (Tq), Banglore Rural-562122
Branch : Mallimakanapura Possession Notice Dated: 15/02/2022, Demand Notice Dated: 25/11/2020,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.4,92,179/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred & Seventy Nine Only) as on 05.02.2022 and interest from **06.02.2022**.
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the Property having Junjar No.369, Property No.369, Khatha No.67/110/107 measuring E to W – 70 Ft and N-S - 30 feet Situated at Sonnahallipura (V), Sulibele (H), Hosakote (Tq), Bangalore rural (D).This Property is in the name of **Sri. Devaraj s/o Muniyappa**, bounded : **East :** Road & Drain, **West :** Property of S.D.Narayanappa, **North :** Property of S.D.Narayanappa, **South :** Property of Chikkanna.

Sl No.6) Borrower : (1) Smt. Lakshmi w/o A.M.Venkatesh (2) Sri .A.M.Venkatesh s/o Muniswamy Naika Both are R/at Chetana Nivas, Door No.201, 2nd floor, 3rd cross, Mytri Layout Hope Farm, Bengaluru – 560067 (3) Sri. Devappa s/o Muniyappa (Guarantor for Mortgage Loan) R/at Thirumalashettihalli, Samethanahalli Post, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District – 560067 (4) Sri.V.Prakash s/o C.Venkateshappa (Guarantor for HLCC) R/at 2nd cross, Munisingh Hospital Main Road, Vijaynagar, Whitefield, Bengaluru – 560066
Branch : Immadihalli Possession Notice Dated: 15/02/2022, Demand Notice Dated: 01/09/2021,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.2,47,246/- (Rupees Two Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred & Forty Six Only) as on 08.02.2022 and interest from **09.02.2022 for A/c No. 42224204001015 & Rs.5,23,429/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred & Twenty Nine Only) as on 05.02.2022** and interest from **06.02.2022 for A/c No. 42224202000213.**
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the Property having Khatha No.134, Property No.134/3 measuring E to W – 70 Ft and N-S - 30 feet Situated at Channasandra, Bidarahalli (H), Bangalore East (Tq) now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP.The Property is in the names of **Smt. Lakshmi w/o A.M.Venkatesh & Sri .A.M.Venkatesh s/o Muniswamy Naika**, bounded : **East :** 20 Ft Road, **West :** Kaluve/Dongara, **North :** Remaining property of Krishnappa, **South :** House of Ramachandra.

Sl No.7) Borrower : (1) Sri. Srinivas N s/o Nagaraj (2) Sri .Manjunath N s/o Nagaraj Both are R/at Channasandra, Bidarahalli (H), Bangalore East (Tq), Bangalore-560067 **(3) Smt. Lakshmi w/o Venkatesh (Guarantor) R/at** No.97, Nagondanahally main road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560066
Branch : Immadihalli Possession Notice Dated: 15/02/2022, Demand Notice Dated: 28/12/2020,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.11,11,074/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eleven Thousand & Seventy Four Only) as on 02.02.2022 and interest from **03.02.2022 for A/c No.42224102000213 & Rs.11,47,226/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred & Twenty Six Only) as on 21.01.2022** and interest from **22.01.2022 for A/c No.42224102000215.**
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the Property having old Khatha No.78 and 78/6, New Khatha No.500 measuring E to W - (41+42.5)/2 and N-S - (33.75+24)/2 feet Situated at Channasandra, Bidarahalli (H), Bangalore East (Tq), Bangalore.The Property is in the names of **Sri. Srinivas N s/o Nagaraj and Sri. Manjunath N s/o Nagaraj.**, bounded : **East :** Vacant Site, **West :** Vacant Site of Seethamma, **North :** House of Narayanamma, **South :** Govt Road.

Date : 15.02.2022
Place : Bengaluru

Authorised Officer, KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK,
AUTHORISED OFFICER

EDITORIAL

"The development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race. We cannot quite know what will happen if a machine exceeds our own intelligence... Stephen Hawking

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— Ramnath Goenka

NEW POLICE RULES ON LGBT PERSONS WELCOME, SENSITISATION NEEDED

In a welcome move, the Tamil Nadu government recently amended its police conduct rules to bar harassment of LGBTQIA+ individuals and persons working to help them. The amendment was made based on the Madras High Court's directions. The court was hearing a case of a lesbian couple who, along with activists supporting them, were harassed by the police and issued a set of guidelines and directions to state authorities on dealing with members of the community. Subsequently, the police had started becoming more sensitive when handling members of the community. The amendment will, no doubt, build on this.

While Tamil Nadu has had progressive policies for trans persons for decades, activists have pointed out that this is the first time the state is acknowledging the entirety of the community, rather than just some sections. However, this recognition has not seeped into all parts of society—including medical fraternity and law enforcement—and even now misconceptions are freely reinforced by persons in positions of power. The acknowledgement of the wider spectrum of sexuality and gender will hopefully be the first step towards more inclusive services.

However, the law does not take effect on its own. Sensitisation of police not just on the rights of LGBTQIA+ persons, but also on the rights of adults to live their lives freely, must be done in earnest. Too often, police are found extending sympathy and support to angry or upset family members at the cost of ensuring the safety and rights of vulnerable persons. Similarly, sensitisation must be done with every section of government that comes in contact with LGBTQIA+ persons, especially the medical, mental health and judicial systems. Conversion therapy, denial of identity and stigmatising of LGBTQIA+ persons persists, with serious and sometimes even fatal consequences. By itself the amendment, although welcome as it signifies intent, will have little value unless it is followed with systematic reviewing and sensitising of police as well as other key sectors.

STOP BLAME GAME, ADDRESS REAL ISSUES

The NDA government must stop blaming the previous UPA/ Congress regimes every time a corporate scam or a loan fraud takes place. It has become customary for the present government to conveniently blame everything on past regimes, and wash its hands off the real issues without actually addressing them. The moment the CBI filed a case against ABG Shipyard and its directors for loan fraud, the first reaction of the government was to point out that the account became NPA in 2013, and therefore, it's the UPA's mistake. The truth is that the account was identified as NPA in 2016, retrospectively with effect from November 2013. The loan account was restructured in March 2014 and efforts were made to revive the operations of the company. But when efforts failed to revive the operations, the account of ABG Shipyard was declared NPA in November 2016.

Insolvency and bankruptcy procedures were started against the company in August 2017, and before that, the company had undertaken many fraudulent transactions to divert substantial money through shell companies. Some of these transactions took place between 2014 and 2016 under the first Modi government. In the case of ABG Shipyard, it is one of the private banks—ICICI Bank—that had doled out the maximum loan to the company. So, if the present government wants us to believe that every loan to ABG Shipyard was given at the behest of the UPA, it is to insult the working of a 'free' market economy.

ABG Shipyard was incorporated in 1985, and some of the loans given to it by this consortium of banks date back to 2001. Whether it is the Antrix-Devas deal, NSE scam or ABG loan fraud, the failure is more of the system in place than the political party in power. The larger question is whether the systems and processes in place for achieving better corporate governance are working effectively or not. Are the independent directors indeed independent or are the auditors doing their work diligently enough to detect frauds and anomalies? By conveniently blaming everything on its predecessors, the government is running away from addressing the real issues.

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INDIA-UAE TRADE DEAL BREAKS NEW GROUND

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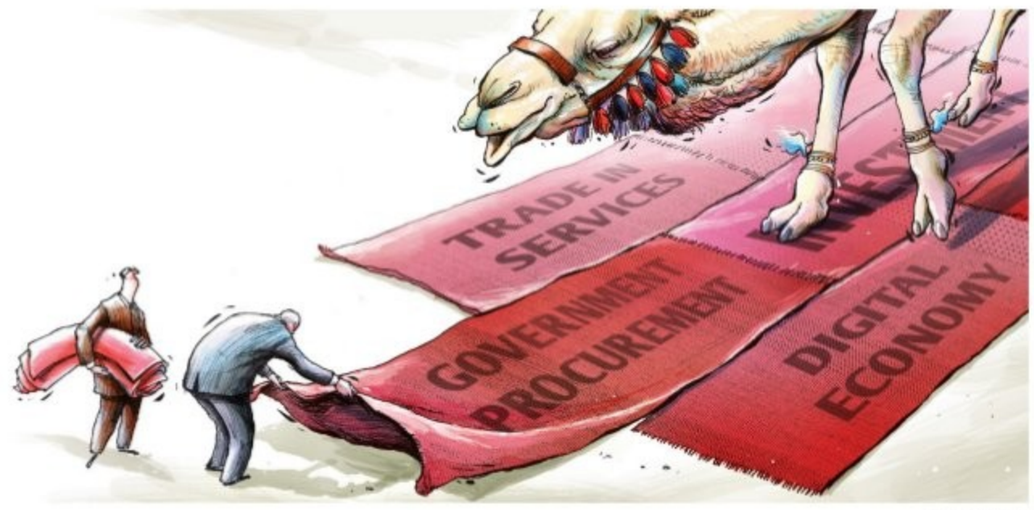

SOUMYADIP SINHA

The signing of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with the UAE has ushered in a new phase of India's global economic engagements. As has been the trend in recent decades, India and the UAE have signed a broad-based CEPA, whose coverage goes beyond a traditional free trade agreement (FTA) that included only trade in goods. In contrast, the India-UAE CEPA has a much wider coverage: it includes trade in services, investment, government procurement and the digital economy. This is the first bilateral trade and investment agreement signed by the Narendra Modi government and it marks the beginning of a hectic phase of negotiations for India as seven more such deals are being negotiated. These include the long-delayed agreements with the EU, Australia and Canada, and the Enhanced Trade Partnership with the UK.

The India-UAE CEPA has broken new ground in three significant ways. The first is that the negotiations for concluding the agreement took less than three months since they were initiated towards the end of September 2021 and concluded in December. This is indeed remarkable given that bilateral trade negotiations involving India have usually been very long drawn. Secondly, the agreement covers the widest possible array of subjects and includes areas like the digital economy and government procurement. These have never been present in any of the bilateral agreements that India has negotiated thus far. The third and an important aspect of the CEPA is that it marks a complete turnaround from the government's deep-seated scepticism about bilateral FTAs. This mistrust was largely because the three CEPAs that India had signed with its East Asian partners, namely, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Korea and Japan, had not yielded the benefits that the government was looking for. India's deficits on merchandise trade with each of these partners had progressively grown larger and were much higher than those existing before the agreements were signed.

In 2019, India had also walked out of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), a mega-regional trade agreement of the 10-member ASEAN and its six FTA partners. A view that gained currency was that withdrawal from RCEP was an indication that India was taking a step back from the process of global economic integration. The India-UAE CEPA could change this perception about the country.

The value of the agreement would lie in its ability to not only reverse the declining trend of bilateral trade, but to also ensure its steady growth. Two-way trade between the countries had peaked at $75 billion in 2012–13, with India's exports at over $36 billion. Over the next five years, total trade declined steadily and was below $50 billion in 2017–18. During this period, India's exports fell by over $8 billion, while imports from the UAE had nearly halved. The fall in exports did not augur well for India, for the UAE is a major gateway to the Gulf and African continent and is, therefore, an ideal base from which it can expand its presence in a strategically important region. Reversing this slide in exports to the UAE was therefore essential for lending buoyancy to India's exports.

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Shrinking of trade can largely be explained by lower levels of exports of gems and jewellery from India and of crude oil from the UAE. Overdependence on these two product groups caused uncertainties in India-UAE trade and, therefore, there was a strong case for diversification of the trade basket in both countries. The newly minted agreement provides plenty of opportunities in this regard.

According to the government of India, the country's first CEPA in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) is expected to provide momentum to its exports from several sectors, including textiles, leather, footwear, pharmaceutical products and medical devices, and automobiles, among others. The government's expectation is that the CEPA could help in increasing the total value of bilateral trade to over $100 billion within five years.

Besides these direct benefits, this CEPA could provide an impetus for strengthening India's economic relations with other countries in the Gulf. The agreement could provide momentum to the discussions for a possible FTA with the Gulf Cooperation Council, the blueprint for which was agreed to between the two sides almost a couple of decades ago.

Finally, it must be pointed out that a free trade agreement with a country that is also a transshipment port can result in circumvention of imports from third countries. This, in other words, implies that a non-party can try to take advantage of the tariff reduction that has been extended to the UAE and unfairly gain access to India's market, putting domestic players in considerable discomfiture. Implementation of a strong and effective set of rules of origin (RoO) is the way forward. Hopefully the two governments can agree on the RoO well before the CEPA becomes effective on May 1.

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THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-ENABLED NATION

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One of the most interesting elements of public policy in India these days is tracking where artificial intelligence is being used as a multiplier and what impact it is generating.

There is little doubt that artificial intelligence will, soon, transform the very nature of societal interaction, including the relationship between the citizen and the state. The metaverse will require new ways of imagining identity in a nation state, and even the boundaries of what constitutes nations. Therefore, countries that embrace artificial intelligence and embed it in policy-making and delivery early would reap the benefits of being able to fulfil fast-changing expectations of citizens from the government.

This essay highlights some such efforts being taken at various administrative levels—both by the Central and state governments—to embrace artificial intelligence and facilitate better, swifter governance.

India's National Programme for AI, which was developed by NITI Aayog, defines artificial intelligence for social good (and for all) as its goal. One of its first steps towards this goal has been the development of PARAM SIDDHI AI, the country's largest High Performance Computing (HPC) supercomputer. This is ranked among the top 100 supercomputers in the world.

Some of the key areas where India first wants to deploy artificial intelligence are health, agriculture, education, manufacturing and the financial sector. Thus, the national Jal Shakti Ministry has been using internet of things (IoT)-based sensors to monitor water availability and flow in 6,00,000 villages, and the Tamil Nadu administration has used AI-based screening (through a mobile app called e-Paarwai) to check for cataract problems in patients.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the national Digital India platform MyGov used an AI-enabled response tool or bot to ensure that queries from citizens, about the ways in which people could remain safe and secure during the crisis, could be replied to in real time.

If Punjab is using AI-tracing tools to help farmers differentiate between genuine and counterfeit seeds to grow good quality potatoes, the state of Telangana has used artificial intelligence in real-time digital authentication of pensioners. If the state of Uttar Pradesh has used artificial intelligence tools for better monitoring and surveillance in prisons, the DRDO has developed AI-empowered trackers to use in chest X-rays and check for lung damage. The National Highways Authority of India is using AI to manage attendance checking for field staff while the Supreme Court has roped it in for better justice delivery and information flow. The Maharashtra government is using AI for mass delivery of information to the people in the state and sharpening response mechanisms, while Andhra Pradesh has turned to it to help better forecast its energy needs. States like Telangana have even experimented in using AI-powered drones to deliver last-mile healthcare supply.

> The growing use of artificial intelligence in public policy is perhaps the most important thing to track about India's governance. ... AI also has another major advantage—it can deliver scale and minutiae at the same time. And scaling up and down is faster, easier, and less disruptive than perhaps any other mechanism

These are only some of the numerous uses of artificial intelligence that are trickling into governments, whether through administrative use or the work they are doing with the numerous AI start-ups in the country.

The opportunity at the moment in India is this cross-pollination in AI and related technologies between the state and the many entrepreneurs working in this field. This collaboration can iron out last-mile (or first) problems in governance and enable policy benefits to reach places where it may have struggled to do so before.

This kind of cooperation is invaluable in health, education (and related job creation) and climate change mitigation, the three issues that are most likely to be the biggest problems that governments would have to tackle as global warming changes the very contours of life.

Some of the challenges of nationhood that may emerge due to the nebulousness of identity triggered by the metaverse could be countered by deepening the beneficial presence of the state to underline the benefits of national identity and reduce cognitive dissonance.

Artificial intelligence also has another major advantage—it can deliver scale and minutiae at the same time. And scaling up and down is faster, easier, and less disruptive than perhaps any other mechanism.

Therefore, the more deeply and instructively artificial intelligence is used in governance, the closer India will come to its aim of ensuring that AI works for all and for the greater common good.

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Multiplier of tax reduction

This is with reference to *Tax Cuts and how myopia chains our perceptions* (Feb 19). The author's argument regarding the benefits of the multiplier effect in choosing capital investment over tax reduction might have missed out on how the latter for lower-income groups could serve the objective of reducing the growing income gap caused by the pandemic. The government's approach seems sound but does very little to further equality. It makes the PM's promise of *Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas* sound more hollow.

Siddharth Mohan, Palakkad

A fitting Test captain

Rohit Sharma's appointment as Test captain, starting with the upcoming two-Test series against Sri Lanka, is fitting. The Hitman has led the team brilliantly in the game's shorter formats and will now showcase his leadership prowess in the Test arena too. Selectors have also tasked him with nurturing leadership within the group with an eye on the future. Meanwhile, veterans Ajinkya Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ishant Sharma and Wriddhiman Saha have been sidelined.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Icons in respective fields

This is with reference to *The musical phenomenon we lost* (Feb 20). What Sachin Tendulkar is to Indian cricket, Lata Mangeshkar was to Indian film music, as both held sway over millions of Indians with their monumental works in their respective fields. Lataji shared a strong bond with Tendulkar, who deeply revered the legendary singer.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Stalwart of Indian culture

This is with reference to *The musical phenomenon we lost* (Feb 20). With the demise of Lata Mangeshkar, India has lost a stalwart of Indian culture. Her soulful and melodious songs in her sobering, smooth and sensitive voice is capable of creating an emotionally satisfying experience. The heights and accomplishments reached by Mangeshkar were not attained by a sudden flight but through hard work, determination and deep-rooted devotion to the quality of her art and above all her humility. The music that Lata nurtured would merge in our soul, body and blood and live eternally in the world.

R Pichumani, Bengaluru

Not a fair comparison

This is with reference to *Akhilesh equates Lakhimpur violence with Jallianwala Bagh* (Feb 20). Samajwadi Party's Akhilesh Yadav, in zealous interest to woo voters, equated the previous mowing down of farmers in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur with Jallianwala Bagh. Since the recent violence is an isolated incident, it is unfair to equate the same with the massacre during the prolonged freedom struggle. In fact, illiterate people alone can be hoodwinked through such an exaggerated comparison.

Jayashree Thampi, T'puram

Rising communal virus

It is disheartening to read that a Muslim woman was asked by a BJP booth agent to remove her hijab before casting her vote in Melur near Madurai. Of course, the police took swift action against him to restore order at the booth. The communal virus is slowly creeping into Tamil Nadu to spoil the peaceful coexistence of Muslims and people from other religions. I request the Tamil Nadu chief minister to look into the issue seriously to curb the menace.

Rajakumar Arulanandham, Palayamkottai

Stop arms proliferation

This is with reference to *Beast of Ukraine war thrives on corporate greed* (Feb 20). The informative article has brought out all the details on how war or the fear of it promotes large-scale production of lethal weapons by private manufacturers who are getting richer. The only solution to the proliferation of destructive arms seems to be world peace for which the nations should collectively endeavour.

N Rama Rao, Chennai

Russia is losing goodwill

Russia has brought the situation to the brink by mobilising around 1,50,000 troops and conducting drills. The countries that parted ways in 1991 are sovereign and joining any alliance for economic, diplomatic or defence purposes is their independent decision. The explanation of Russia that it is only a "defence drill" is laughable. Moscow should realise that it is losing the goodwill of peace-loving countries and restore the status quo along its border with Ukraine.

S V Venkatakrishnan, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Charanjit S Channi @CHARANJITCHANNI
Bhagwant Mann and AAP also seeked Dera support in Dhuri. All this desperation suggest Congress is forming government in Punjab with majority

Prashant Bhushan @pbhushan1
Why did the PM go outside India and sit on bicycle? Is he going to join SP? What do they not know that cycle is the election symbol of Samajwadi Party?

Mayawati @Mayawati
Instead of relying more on their wrong policies that make the poor of UP even more poor, the right option is to have full faith in the promised BSP itself

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2022 DECIDE

EC restores star campaigner count

NEW DELHI: Citing the decline in Covid-19 cases, the Election Commission Sunday restored the number of star campaigners a party can field for campaigning in the ongoing elections in five states, including UP and Manipur. Now, recognised national and state parties can field a maximum of 40 star campaigners. Other parties which are registered but not recognised can now have 20 star campaigners.

No visit to polling stations, Sood told

CHANDIGARH: The Election Commission on Sunday restrained actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood from visiting polling stations in Moga, where his sister is contesting on a Congress ticket, after receiving complaints that he was allegedly influencing voters, according to officials. Sood's vehicle was also impounded by police, they said. However, he has denied the charges of influencing voters.

Akhilesh is modern Aurangzeb: Chouhan

LUCKNOW: Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan joined the BJP's poll campaign in Uttar Pradesh on Sunday. Attacking Samajwadi Party and its president Akhilesh Yadav, the MP CM dubbed Akhilesh as "modern day's Aurangzeb". "Jo apne baap ka nahi hua, voh aapka kya hoga, Akhilesh Yadav aaj ke Aurangzeb hain (the one who failed to be loyal to his father, will never be loyal to you)," Chouhan said.

(From left) Former Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal, his son and SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, daughter-in-law and Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal after casting votes in Bathinda; AAP CM candidate Bhagwant Mann shows his inked finger after casting his vote in Mohali; Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu and his wife Navjot Kaur show their inked fingers after casting votes near Amritsar; SP chief Akhilesh Yadav with his wife and former MP Dimple Yadav in Saifai (UP) on Sunday | PTI

UP 3rd phase over, Punjab seals fate

No major incidents during the polls; minor clashes reported from a few places in Punjab

NAMITA BAJPAI, HARPREET BAJWA @Lucknow/ Chandigarh

BOTH Uttar Pradesh and Punjab witnessed largely peaceful voting in the third phase and single phase Assembly elections, respectively, on Sunday.

The UP polls covering 59 constituencies witnessed a moderate turnout of 60.38%. In the multi-cornered fight in Punjab, the fate of 1,304 candidates was sealed by voters, who logged a polling percentage of 63.44%. The figures are as per the figures released by the Election Commission till 5pm. However, since the voting continued till 6pm, the final figures will be known only on Monday.

The turnout in the third phase in UP is lower than the 62.98% of the corresponding phase of 2017 Assembly polls. . In the 2017 Punjab Assembly polls, the voting percentage stood at 77.4.

Of the total 59 seats which went to polls in UP on Sunday, at least 28 seats had dominant Yadav population. The turnout was 63.14% in Hathras district, 61.89% in Firozabad, 63.04% in Kasganj, 65.7% in Etah, 61.51% in Mainpuri, 59.13% in Farrukhabad, 61.93% in Kannauj and 58.35% in Etawah district.

During a more or less peaceful voting in third phase, a 25-year-old BJP worker was killed in Hathras district on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Krishna Yadav, a general secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha. Yadav was shot inside his house in Sikandra Rao constituency. Relatives rushed the 25-year-old to the trauma centre in Aligarh where he was declared dead upon arrival. The victim's sister said he suffered a bullet injury to the head.

Meanwhile, in Punjab minor clashes were reported at some places but the polling was largely peaceful. It is learnt that around 20 persons allegedly attacked the vehicle of AAP candidate Labh Singh Ugoke, who is contesting from Bhadaur against Chief Minister Charanajit Singh Channi.

In another incident, a minor clash was reported from Ferozepur (City) between workers of BJP and AAP. Also, BJP and Congress workers clashed over allegations of fake voting in Ludhiana (Central) just when polling was ending. Security personnel, however, brought the situation under control.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath and BJP leaders at a rally in Kheri on Sunday | PTI

SP & Cong soft on terrorists, will address stray cattle menace: Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Lucknow

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday fired a salvo at the Samajwadi Party accusing it of "going soft over terrorists" by "withdrawing cases against them" in its previous regime. He also brought the issue of stray cattle into his discourse for the first time and promised a "permanent solution" to the problem after the formation of government in the state.

Addressing rallies in Hardoi and Unnao, the PM said, "The SP government, on coming to power in 2012, withdrew cases against terrorists responsible for carrying out 14 attacks in UP in 2007," the PM said. He claimed that even Congress leaders had also been showing "respect and emotion for terrorist like Osama Bin Laden by calling them 'Osamaji'".

Later, the PM tried to address the issue of stray cattle. "This is my *sankalp* (promise). I will ensure that the issue of stray cattle is resolved to your satisfaction after the formation of government on March 10. We will bring a policy," he said.

Unique Manipuri ritual helps candidates weigh strength before polls

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Imphal

ALL roads in the Kshetrigao constituency of Imphal valley in Manipur on Sunday led to the house of Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, an Indian Foreign Service officer who is a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

It was the occasion of 'Firal Chingkhatpa (flag hoisting ceremony)' of his brother Sheikh Noorul Hassan who is contesting the upcoming Assembly elections on the ticket of the National People's Party (NPP), headed by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma.

People came with rice, sweets, fruits, vegetables, flowers, etc. and placed them under an NPP flag that was fluttering high on the windy day when even smooth landing of flights was not easy.

The local MLA, Nahakpam Indrajit Singh of the BJP, had organised the ritual.

Once practised by the Manipuri kings, the unique Firal Chingkhatpa has become an integral part of election campaigning in the state. The candidates, irrespective of religions and political parties, organise the 'sacred' ritual.

Going by the turnout of people at the ritual, the leaders get a sense of their support base.

On seeing a large number of people at the ceremony, NPP chief Sangma predicted Hassan would win the election at a canter.

"Every place that I am visiting, I see more and more people supporting our candidates. I have no doubt that Sheikh Noorul Hassan will win by a thumping majority," Sangma told the crowd after the flag-hoisting ceremony at the candidate's residence.

He also said the NPP candidates and supporters would not be cowed down by the threats issued by rival political parties. "People from other parties are targeting our candidates in many constituencies but we will not be afraid. The more they will challenge us, the more vigorously we will work," Sangma said.

During a poll campaign on Friday night, the father of NPP's Andro candidate L Sanjoy sustained injuries on his right shoulder after being shot at by suspected militants.

As for Hassan, he alleged there had been three incidents of hostility against him and his supporters, which were orchestrated by a rival candidate. "But I will win it big. I expect to win by a record margin this time," Hassan, a law graduate who had unsuccessfully contested the 2012 polls as an Independent, said.

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Conrad K Sangma, NPP

Claiming that the people in his constituency are fed up with the BJP's false promises, he alleged the government deprived the actual beneficiaries of the benefit of every single scheme. "Look at the condition of the roads. There are no proper schools, hospitals despite a part of the constituency falling under the state capital of Imphal," Hassan said.

Kshetrigao is going to polls on February 28. The second phase election will be held on March 5. People who follow Manipur politics closely said the NPP might emerge as the dark horse.

Buoyed by its 2017 success when it had won four of the nine seats it contested, the party has fielded candidates in 39 seats this time around.

NPP candidate Sheikh Noorul Hassan performs 'Firal Chingkhatpa'

Royal practice turns into 'election ritual'

A royal-era practice, the ceremony is seen as an indicator of the candidate's popularity. The candidates, irrespective of religions and political parties, organise the 'sacred' ritual. Going by the turnout of people at the ritual, the leaders get a sense of their support base

IN VARANASI, BJP AWAITS MODI MAGIC TO REPEAT 2017

ANURAAG SINGH @ Varanasi

THE rank and file of the BJP in Varanasi, one of the oldest living cities in the world, is awaiting their tallest leader, Narendra Modi, to repeat his magic once again here.

Amid resentment among people against some of its sitting legislators, including the city's heart Varanasi South's MLA, speculations about a strategic understanding between Samajwadi Party and Congress on two seats and discomfort among a section of upper castes over ticket distribution in outer constituencies, the BJP is desperately awaiting the charisma of local MP and PM Narendra Modi to rub all stains off the seats like in the 2017 polls.

"It's certainly going to be a tough contest we've ever faced in Varanasi. Even in 2017, the contest wasn't easy against *UP Ke Ladke* (Akhilesh Yadav and Rahul Gandhi) but the PM's stay in the city and a series of road shows across his parliamentary constituency turned the battle into a one-sided contest, ultimately making our party win all 8 seats for the first time," remembers Vinay Yadav, one of the prominent Yadav leaders of BJP in Varanasi South constituency.

On similar lines, Modi is likely to camp in his constituency, possibly from March 3 to March 5, after campaigning on February 25 also.

"Our party candidates are locked in a fierce battle particularly in the predominantly urban seats. These include Varanasi South and Varanasi Cantt, both of which have been BJP bastions since 1989 and 1991, respectively. Entire party knows that PM Modi's campaign will be the lifeline that the party needs to repeat it's 2017 performance," said a young Jaiswal caste leader.

Varanasi district, which goes to polls on March 7, comprises 8 Assembly seats. In 2017, powered by Modi wave, the BJP performed its best, winning all seats by margins spanning between 17,000 and 61,000-plus votes.

Also, known as 'Kashi's Ayodhya', as it houses the KV Corridor, the Varanasi South seat was won by debutant Neelkanth Tiwari by 17,226 votes, while the adjoining Varanasi Cantt seat was won by debutant Saurabh Srivasatava by 61,236 votes. Both Srivastava and Tiwari, who is among the three UP ministers in contest from Varanasi, have been fielded from their respective seats, despite high anti-incumbency.

Union minister Anurag Thakur campaigns in Varanasi | CHANDAN RUPANI

BJP has repeated seven out of the eight sitting MLAs, but most of these legislators are situational leaders who won in 2017 due to the wave created by Modi — Dinbandhu Rai, Varanasi-based scribe

"This time we might witness the tightest contest in these two seats, particularly because there seems to be a tactical and undeclared understanding between the Congress and the SP. While Congress has fielded a dummy candidate Mudita Kapoor to eat into BJP votes to help SP candidate Kameshwar Dikshit 'Kishan' in Varanasi South, the SP seems to have reciprocated with its dummy candidate Pooja Yadav to prevent sharp division of votes with Congress candidate Rajesh Mishra in Varanasi Cantt," local BJP leader Gulshan Kapoor claimed.

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Another cause of concern for the BJP is the semi-urban Rohania and largely rural Sevapuri seat, where a section of upper caste voters –Bhumihar Brahmins – are reportedly unhappy with the BJP denying ticket to sitting Rohania MLA Surendra Narayan Singh and fielding two Patel candidates, one on BJP symbol and the other on ally Apna Dal(S) symbol. In another semi-urban seat Pindra, the first-time sitting BJP MLA is facing a tough contest against Congress candidate Ajay Rai and BSP's Babulal. In the three other seats, the BJP seems to be better placed.

City-based political journalist Vibhuti Narayan Chaturvedi feels, "This is a wave-less election. But the real battle will come to the fore when PM Modi camps in Varanasi with his development mantra that has created a new 'Brand Varanasi'."

Rawat urges Sonia to take call on CM face in Uttarakhand

VINEET UPADHYAY @Dehradun

FORMER Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat said he will request Congress president Sonia Gandhi to take a call on the chief ministerial candidate of the party in the hill state.

"I will request our honourable president Smt Sonia Gandhi to take a decision on the CM candidate in Uttarakhand. The party is going to win and form government in four out if five states including Uttarakhand," said Rawat.

This comes after his earlier statement in which he said that either he would be the CM of Uttarakhand or sit at home.

Insiders say that a tussle has started within the Congress regarding the CM face. "The game of chess has begun it seems. Two factions — one which supports Harish Rawat and another routing for Pritam Singh — have started lobbying with the central leadership for the CM post. Nothing is certain until the election results are declared next month," said a party insider.

Pritam Singh, former state president of the party, responding to the queries related to the position said that the CM face would be decided by the party high command.

POWER GAMES

CEPA with UAE breaks free trade jinx, first major pact in a decade

India has broken a jinx by signing the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This is the first major free trade agreement signed by India in the last one decade. The Modi government has had protracted negotiations with the US, Australia, Canada, United Kingdom and European Union but has failed to conclude free trade agreements with any of them due to domestic pressure from farm and dairy industry. When the then US President Donald Trump's trade representative Robert Lighthizer was negotiating for India allowing dairy exports from the US, Amul chief shot off a letter to the PM saying Indian dairy sector would be destroyed if India agreed with Lighthizer. India even rejected the US demand to at least allow it to export pizza cheese. EU, Australia and the UK, too, want Indian farm and dairy, besides liquor, fisheries and auto sectors opened. In spite of repeated announcement that India was close to signing free trade pacts, the commerce minister remains stuck between competing demands of engaging powerful foreign allies on one hand, and keeping domestic farm, fisheries, dairy and liquor industry happy on the other.

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Which way is the wind blowing in UP?

Union minister and BJP Member of Parliament from Muzaffarnagar in western UP, Sanjeev Balyan, who belongs to the Jat community, had once said that "Uttar Pradesh mein chunav ki hawa pashchim se chalti hai". Literally, it means political winds in UP blow from the west. But what the minister actually meant was that western UP sets the voting trend and the rest of the state follows it. This was said at a time when western UP overwhelmingly voted for the BJP. But since western UP became the epicentre of the year-long protest against the three farm laws, winds blowing from western UP in the current elections seem to have the potential of spoiling the ruling party's prospects. The BJP was, therefore, reportedly keen on the Election Commission reversing the traditional polling pattern and getting western UP to vote in the last phase. It wanted the polling to begin from east. But the poll panel went by its own logistical calculations and roadmap and once again put western UP in phase one. The Opposition is gleefully asking the BJP if the trend set by western UP would continue in remaining phases.

Poll panel ban on campaign rallies ruins chopper charter business

The Election Commission's decision to ban public meetings has hit the air charter companies hard. Chartering of helicopters and small aircraft during election is one of the key sources of revenues for these charter companies. With large states like Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, and the hilly Uttarakhand going to elections, air charter companies were expecting a business of not less than ₹200-250 crore. India has about 150 helicopters, owned by companies and individuals. The hourly rent for these choppers varies from ₹1.6 lakh-1.75 lakh for single engine to ₹3 lakh-4.25 lakh for twin-engine choppers. Industry sources say that in the current round of election not less than 25 choppers would have been engaged by political parties for a duration of two months. The air charter industry is monitoring the Election Commission's announcements more closely than the newspaper reporters covering the Commission.

IIT'S HOUSING INCUBATOR

IIT, Madras is hosting a housing incubator, 'ASHA', to identify and support new innovative housing technologies, bring down the cost of construction in India and support start-ups in scaling up their ideas

1.78 CRORE RAILWAY PASSENGERS TRAVELLED TICKETLESS IN 2021

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	25	14	Mumbai	31	23
Bhopal	30	13	Panaji	29	20
Jaipur	30	18	Patna	27	11
Amritsar	21	12	Lucknow	27	15
Chennai	33	25	Port Blair	30	23
Kolkata	30	18	Imphal	21	05
Srinagar	12	02	Chandigarh	29	12

'Unified MGNREGS wages needed'

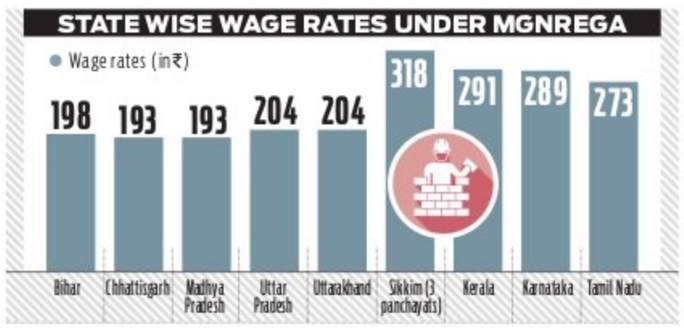
Parliamentary standing committee says wage disparity in states unfathomable, unjustified

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

A parliamentary standing committee has flagged the disparity in wage rates in various states under the rural employment scheme MGNREGS, calling it baffling and unjustified.

While in states like Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Jharkhand, the workers are paid daily wages less than ₹200 for works under the Mahatma Gandhi national Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), they are paid nearly ₹300 or more in states like Kerala, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Sikkim. As per government data, said Chhattisgarh has the minimum rate of ₹193 while Sikkim has ₹313.

"Time and again, the issue of disparity of wages under MGNREGA crops up before the committee. It finds the concept of wage rates under MGNREGA being different in the States/UTs quite baffling," said the standing committee report, recently tabled in Parliament.



'WILL HELP WITH CALCULATIONS, INDEXATION'

A uniform rate means convenience over calculations and indexation in one go for the entire country rather than different States/UTs bringing in their own dynamics in fixing the wage rates, the panel said

The Department of Rural Development is the nodal agency of the scheme in the entire country and it only seems befitting if it fixes a single unified wage rate applicable to all the States/UTs, the report stated, observing that "wage rates fluctuating from ₹193 to ₹318 across different States/UTs in no way seem justified".

Having a uniform rate will also be convenient in terms of calculations and indexation in one go for the entire country rather than different States/UTs bringing in their own dynamics in fixing the wage rates, the panel said.

Since the beneficiaries targeted under MGNREGA are from the poor and marginalised sections of society, it's "unfathomable" that relatively poorer states such as Bihar, UP, Jharkhand and West Bengal showed a notified wage rate of ₹198, ₹204, ₹198 and ₹213, respectively, it added.

Noting that bridging the wage disparity will end the uncertainty among beneficiaries and also serve the larger purpose of welfare of MGNREGA workers, the committee recommended that the Department of Rural Development to should devise a mechanism for notifying a unified wage rate across the country. To compensate the MGNREGS workers against inflation, the Union Ministry of Rural Development revises the wage rates every year based on change in Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labour. The wage rate is applicable from April 1 every financial year.

INDIA-CHINA TIES IN A VERY DIFFICULT PHASE, SAYS EAM

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INDIA-China relationship is going through a difficult phase after Beijing violated agreements not to bring the military forces to the border, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, and underscored that the state of the border will determine the state of ties between the two countries.

"China has violated the agreement not to bring military forces to the Line of Actual Control. For 45 years, there was peace and there was stable border management; there were no military casualties on the border from 1975. That changed. We had agreements with China not to bring the military forces to the Line of Actual Control and the Chinese violated those agreements," Jaishankar said while speaking on India's relations with South-East Asian countries

during a panel discussion at the Munich Security Conference.

"Now, the state of the border will determine the state of the relationship. That's natural. So obviously, the relations with China right now are going through a very difficult phase," he said.

On a comparison of the Ukraine crisis with the situation in the Indo-Pacific, where an aggressive China has been flexing its muscles, Jaishankar said the two situations were not comparable.

On Quad, the minister dismissed the notion that the four-member grouping is an Asian NATO as "completely misleading term" and said "there are interested parties who advance that kind of analogies".

He described Quad as a grouping of "four countries who have common interest, common values".

"It's not post-2020 development. Our relations with the Quad partners — the US, Japan and Australia —have steadily improved in the last 20 years. The Quad has a value in itself. It is four countries who recognise today that the world would be a better place if they cooperated. And that's essentially what's happening," Jaishankar said.

Jaishankar is now headed to France, where he will attend the Indo-Pacific Paris forum.

CRACKDOWN

Now scrapped, UK visa helped Nirav Modi & 253 Indians

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

OVER 250 Indian millionaires, including fugitive diamantaire Nirav Modi, have been living in the UK on Tier 1 investor visa, which the country scrapped with immediate effect three days ago over security concerns.

Modi is believed to be living in the UK on an investor visa applied in 2015. This visa has facilitated nearly 254 Indian millionaires to settle in the UK since 2008.

While scrapping this visa three days back, UK home secretary Priti Patel spoke of 'zero tolerance' for abuse of the immigration system. "Under my new plan for immigration, I want to ensure the British people have confidence in the system, including stopping corrupt elites who threaten our national security and push dirty money around our cities," she had announced.

Also referred to as the golden visa, the process to get one began with a commitment to invest £2 million (₹20 crore) in the UK. The visa was processed within three weeks and was far easier than an asylum application. On getting this visa individuals got an immediate right to live in the UK for three years followed by a two year extension. A quicker way for permanent residency was investing £10 million (₹100 crore) after which they would get permanent residency after two years.

According to a report by a UK-based anti-corruption charity, Indians have ranked as the 7th nationality of super-rich to have availed this visa between 2008 and 2020. Around 6,312 of visa are under the scanner. How many Indians will be impacted is yet to become clear.

BRO infra push along LAC to counter China might

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

BORDER Roads Organisation (BRO), India's strategic infrastructure capacity creation agency, has been majorly focusing on building roads and bridges in states which have their borders with China.

In the year 2021, the eastern sector including the states of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim saw 149.98 km and 69.46 km long roads were constructed. It was 102.14 km in 2020 and 93.24 km in 2019 for Arunachal Pradesh and 39.38 km and 37.15 km for the same period in Sikkim. The detailed data was shared by the Ministry of Defence in Lok Sabha on February 11, 2022.

The LAC with China is 3,488 km long and is divided into the eastern sector with Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, the middle sector comprising Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, and the western sector with Ladakh.

BRO constructed 144.41 km of roads in Uttarakhand and 55.17 km in Himachal Pradesh in the year 2021. Roads spanning 83.17 km and 52.84 km in Uttarakhand and 36.23 km and 28.83 km in Himachal Pradesh were constructed in 2020 and 2019 respectively.

The army and the Chinese PLA currently maintain a combined deployment of more than a lakh soldiers since May 2020 and it includes a massive presence of tanks and artillery. Roads prove integral to maintain such heavy deployment, however, the high altitude and rarefied atmosphere makes construction activities difficult.

"However, the focus on states bordering China will continue," said a BRO officer.

BRO added 135.49 km of new roads in 2021, and completed 145.25 km and 102.14 km in 2020 and 2019 respectively. A total road length of 846.59 km was constructed by (BRO) in 2021, including those of the above-mentioned states.

Art gallery at Kevadiya rly station to welcome visitors to Statue of Unity

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

BUOYED over the growing footfall of tourists to see the world's tallest Statue of Unity at Kevadiya in Gujarat's Narmada district, the Indian Railways has decided to develop an art-gallery at the new green-energy certified Ekta Nagar Kevadiya railway station – which falls under the Western Railway.

Chief spokesperson of Western Railway Sumit Thakur on Sunday said, "Now tourists visiting the Statue of Unity from not just the country but from across the world will be able to take a peek at the rich cultural history of Gujarat at Kevadiya railway station."

The official said that the Indian Railways will add one more tourist attraction for those visiting the Statue of Unity by awarding a first-of-its-kind contract for development of the art gallery under the PPP mode. A souvenir shop will be another addition to the development.

"Working on the PPP mode, the art gallery will showcase different arts and crafts primarily of Gujarat and other states. The art gallery will be developed and operated privately giving an earning of ₹24.7 lakh to the Railways for the next 10 years," the spokesperson said.

Outlining another benefit of this concept, the spokesperson claimed the concept will not only enrich the experience of people visiting Kevadiya to see the Statue of Unity but also have a good bearing on social front of localities. "This will certainly generate employment opportunities to the local tribal population of Narmada district by giving them an opportunity to promote their arts and crafts on a wider scale," he said.

NATIVE VIBRANCY

Tribal people perform in Naharlagun during the 36th Statehood Day event of Arunachal Pradesh on Sunday | PTI

EXPRESS READ

Sameer Wankhede booked on fraud charges

Mumbai: AThe Maharashtra state excise department on Sunday booked former Narcotic Control Bureau (NCB) zonal director Sameer Wankhede for allegedly willful misrepresentations of age to obtain a liquor bar license. According to the FIR, Sameer Wankhede had willfully not mentioned his age or fraud while obtaining a liquor bar license for his Sadguru bar in Navi Mumbai. He was a minor and obtained a liquor bar license while his other document of that period shows that he was real age.

J&K delimitation report influenced by BJP: Parties

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER the audio of J&K BJP president Ravindra Raina with another party leader Shakti Parihar in which Raina purportedly talks about inclusion of some area of Ramban district in his Doda constituency went viral, the political parties in J&K have alleged that audio clip has raised questioned mark on the credibility of Delimitation Commission.

Senior PDP leader and former MLC Firdous Tak said right from the beginning, PDP has been saying that Delimitation Commission is more a frontal organisation of BJP rather than being a constitutional authority.

"This audio is not surprising. For us the entire exercise has been undertaken at the behest of the BJP, and only given legal shape by Delimitation Commission," he said.

In the audio which has gone viral, J&K BJP president Ravindra Raina purportedly tells another party leader and former minister Shakti Parihar of Doda that he was going to include all the voters of Assar belt in Ramban district to your constituency in Doda. "All the voters of Assar are yours".

Jammu-based J&K National Panthers Party chairman Harsh Dev Singh said his party allegations of BJP government influencing the report have been vindicated.

'Communication indicates mystery baba an insider'

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"The person using rigyajursama@outlook.com id is knows intricate details of NSE's functioning and hierarchy. Subramanian was a novice. He came from outside.

The authoritative tone of the messages from rigyajursama@outlook.com is a clear giveaway about the seniority and knowledge of the user," sources said. They said Subramaniam could never have told tell Ramkrishna, "You will vomit all that is required as always." This is a communication from a tutor to a pupil. Not from a junior to his senior, they said.

In a mail, the unknown baba tells Ramkrishna, "Don't worry, the straw knows when to be a capillary and when not to. Kanchan (Subramaniam) will be the straw and I will be the suction force for this and you

will vomit all that is required as always." Here, the unknown person is telling Ramkrishna to repeat his lines in discussions with Sebi, PMO and finance ministry on listing of stock exchanges.

During the course of investigation in the co-location case, Sebi came across certain documentary evidences, which demonstrate that the MD & CEO of NSE had shared certain internal confidential information of NSE viz organisational structure, dividend scenario, financial results, human resources policy and related Issues, Response to Regulator etc with an unknown person by addressing her correspondence to an email id rigyajursama@outlook.com during the period 2014 to 2016.

Sebi investigator Ananta Barua concluded "I find the allegation that Noticee No. 6 (Subramaniam) has exploited Noticee No. 1 (Ramkrishna) by creating another identity before her in the form of the unknown person having email id rigyajursama@outlook.com to guide her perform her duties according to his wish, is not sustainable."

Sebi said it was unfortunate that the head of the leading and largest stock exchange in India has had to resort to such attempts to justify her actions of sharing confidential information pertaining to NSE with an unknown person.

"I find that it is bizarre attempt at concealing the identity of the unknown person. Clearly such an attempt is unacceptable. I note that the Noticee no. 1 (Ramkrishna) herself has stated, "Who else and whom he would correspond with was outside my purview. He may have corresponded with any others too", and therefore, the Noticee no. 1 has no assurance herself that the confidential information she has passed on to the unknown person is not being passed on to other persons.

Therefore, I find that it is a glaring breach of the Regulations and laws in place that requires key officials and employees to maintain confidential information of the company, which in this case being NSE, which is the leading and largest stock exchange in India," the Sebi order said.

Paralympian Avani felicitated by FICCI

Avani Lekhara, who made India proud at the Tokyo Paralympic Games, was honoured with the FICCI FLO Award for Sports Excellence for 2022 in Delhi. Avani has been awarded Padma Shri, and was honoured by former chief minister Vasundhara Raje at the event. In a Twitter post she wrote, "It is an honour for me that I got to meet so many wonderful, successful women. It gives me immense pride to present the award to the women of Rajasthan – Ruma Devi, Avni Lekhara and Nidhi Thalia." Taking to Twitter, Avani wrote, "Thank you FICCI India for honouring me with FICCI this award. I am sure the empowerment of women will take India towards a more progressive path."

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JAIPUR DIARY

BJP MLAs walk out as CM replies to Governor's address

Rajasthan assembly witnessed a new tradition during this budget session. On the day of CM's reply on the Governor's address, BJP MLAs staged a walkout. For the first time, it was seen that the CM replied to the address of the Governor Kalraj Mishra but all the BJP MLAs walked out from the house demanding CBI enquiry into the REET paper leak scam and in protest of suspension of four party MLAs. Deputy Leader of Opposition Rajendra Rathore said that there was nothing new in CM's speech. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Dhariwal has termed the BJP's move as completely undemocratic and anti-constitutional. "Since 1984, I have been sitting in the house, it has never happened. At least there should have been a reverence for the governor," he said.

'Inauspicious' copter sold after 12 auctions in vain

The state government has finally got rid of the 'inauspicious' Agusta Westland helicopter which has been parked in the hangar for 11 years. This helicopter has been sold for ₹7.55 crore. With this, two more aircraft of the state government were auctioned. The government has sold these two aircraft for ₹25 crore. All three have been sold by e-auction through the Centre's portal of Metal Scrap Trade Corporation (MSTC). The chopper which saw 12 unssuccessful auction bids was bought in 2005 for over ₹20 crore during the first tenure of former CM Vasundhara Raje.

Villagers fly in chopper at Bikaner royal wedding

The royal wedding of three sisters of the Kularia family in Silva village of Bikaner district has done the extraordinary. Three granddaughters of industrialist Padmaram Kularia – Bhawna, Santosh and Kiran – were married on Friday. The people of the village wished that one day they would roam in a helicopter. To make this occasion special, Kularia fulfilled the dream of the villagers by getting a 5 seater helicopter from Delhi, and a helipad was built near his house. All the residents of the village were given an open invitation to sit in helicopter and look at their village from the sky. The helicopter tour for the villagers lasted for three days.

7 suspected militants killed in an ongoing operation in Algeria's northeastern province of Skikda, the defence ministry has said

GLOBAL WEATHER

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Russia, Ukraine push for more diplomacy amid intense shellfire

Blame game continues as shelling with Moscow-backed separatists escalates on Kyiv's frontline; Macron turns mediator in 'last effort' to avoid major conflict

KYIV

UKRAINE and Russia both called on Sunday for intensified diplomatic efforts to avert all-out war, but blamed each other for a sharp escalation in shelling on Kyiv's frontline with Moscow-backed separatists.

After separate calls with France's President Emmanuel Macron, both Russian leader Vladimir Putin and Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky pressed for more talks. Washington is warning a Russian invasion of Ukraine is imminent, and Macron's office had dubbed the calls "the last possible and necessary efforts to avoid a major conflict in Ukraine".

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Russia remained "on the brink" of invading Ukraine, but promised that President Joe Biden was ready to talk to Putin and that Washington would seek a diplomatic solution until Russian "tanks are actually rolling".

Macron, Biden, Scholz to hold talks soon

Paris: French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and US President Joe Biden will consult on the Ukraine crisis soon, Macron's office said on Sunday. Macron may also discuss the situation with British PM Boris Johnson, Italian PM Mario Draghi and "other close partners", the French presidency said.

During his 105-minute discussion with Macron, Putin said "the cause of the escalation is provocations carried out by the Ukrainian security forces," according to a Kremlin account.

Putin repeated a call for "the United States and NATO to take Russian demands for security guarantees seriously". But he added that the two leaders "believe it is important to intensify efforts to find solutions through diplomatic means".

Macron's office also said the two had agreed on "the need to favour a diplomatic solution to the ongoing crisis and to do everything to achieve one", adding that both countries' foreign ministers would meet "in the coming days".

Moscow has demanded that the NATO alliance permanently rule out Ukraine's bid for membership and the withdrawal of Western forces that deployed in eastern Europe since the end of the Cold War.

Zelensky called for an immediate ceasefire and the resumption of talks under the Trilateral Contact Group of Russia, Ukraine and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). "We stand for intensifying the peace process," he tweeted, adding that he had informed Macron about "new provocative shelling" on the frontline between Ukrainian forces and Russian-backed rebels. *AFP*

Protesters carry a giant Ukrainian flag during a rally to show unity and support of the country's integrity in Odessa on Sunday | AFP

HUNDREDS RALLY FOR UKRAINE AT WARSAW DEMO

Warsaw: Hundreds of people rallied in the Old Town in central Warsaw on Sunday in solidarity with neighbouring Ukraine against what they called "Russian aggression". Participants waved Ukrainian, Polish and EU flags as well as the standard used by the Belarusian opposition. "We Are With Ukraine," read one placard held up at the demonstration. Another said: "Hands Off Ukraine". "Putin on trial!" the crowd chanted. Organisers said in a statement that the protest was "to express our opposition to yet another possible Russian aggression against Ukraine". The West has accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of massing tens of thousands of troops around Ukraine's borders in recent weeks. AFP

Biden will meet Putin at any time to prevent war: Blinken

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden is willing to meet Russia's Vladimir Putin "at any time" to prevent a war in Ukraine, according to his top diplomat who said on Sunday Russia appeared on the verge of invading its neighbor.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken has said "everything we're seeing suggests that this is dead serious, that we are on the brink of an invasion."

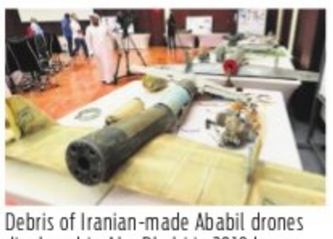
Aggressive military action has already begun in and around Ukraine, which is facing increased shelling from Russian-backed separatist rebels and a force of what the West says is more than 1,50,000 Russian troops on its borders.

> **The playbook that we laid out about Russia trying to create a series of provocations as justifications for aggression is going forward**
>
> Antony Blinken, US Secretary of State

Meanwhile in Belarus, which borders both Russia and Ukraine, Russian military exercises were continuing, Minsk announced on Sunday, further ramping up the pressure.

Blinken said that was just one of several signs that Moscow is gearing up for an invasion, with Putin "following the script almost to the letter."

US Vice President Kamala Harris, speaking to reporters after addressing the Munich Security Conference, said the West would hammer Russia with massive sanctions should they invade Ukraine. *AFP*



Debris of Iranian-made Ababil drones displayed in Abu Dhabi in 2018 | AFP FILE

UAE drone conference warns of rising threat

ABU DHABI

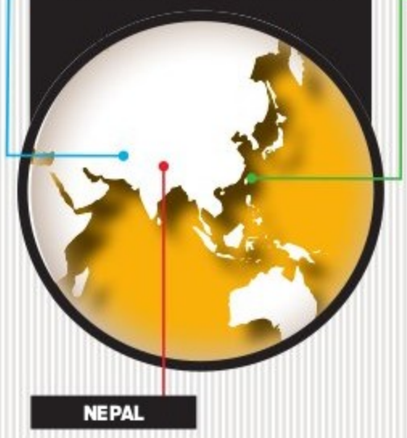
THE UAE and its allies warned on Sunday of the rising threat of drone attacks, as Middle East militants rapidly acquire a taste for the cheap and easily accessible unmanned systems. But while the countries called for a collective effort to protect airspaces against the small and often hard to detect targets, one question remained: how to easily stop a drone attack?

"We have to unite to prevent the use of drones from threatening civilian safety and destroying economic institutions," Mohammed bin Ahmed al-Bowardi, United Arab Emirates' Minister of State for Defence Affairs, said at a defence conference in Abu Dhabi.

The Unmanned Systems Exhibition began with regional and Western military and industry representatives, including from the US, Britain and France. Speakers addressed the importance of developing such systems for civil and military uses but acknowledged their dangers when used by groups deemed a threat to the region.

While the event will showcase the latest in high-tech drone technology, the host country warned that such weapons are becoming cheaper and more widespread. They are now part of the arsenals of "terrorist groups that use the systems to terrorise civilians or to impact the global system in a negative way," said the UAE's Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, Omar bin Sultan al-Olama. "That is a challenge that requires us to... work together to ensure that we can create a shield against the use of these systems." AFP

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

Govt eyes people's gold to increase reserves

Islamabad: The government is considering a proposal to borrow gold biscuits and bars from the people to increase Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves that remain on a sliding path despite taking over $5 billion loans in the past three months, according to a media report on Sunday. The proposal has been discussed in the Economic Executive Council, the body comprising all economic ministers and the State Bank of Pakistan governor, a newspaper reported, citing sources in the Ministry of Finance. According to the proposal, the banks will issue a negotiable discounted instrument to the gold owner and pay an interest rate on the precious metal. The commercial bank will deposit the gold with the SBP that can monetise it to increase the foreign exchange reserves 'already largely built by taking expensive foreign loans. PTI

Police fire tear gas at strikers as MPs debate US grant

Kathmandu: Nepal police fired rubber bullets and tear gas on Sunday as hundreds protested against a $500-million US grant going before parliament that has become a bone of contention between China and the United States. Nepal signed the Millennium Challenge Corporation pact in 2017 to fund infrastructure projects but its ratification has been in limbo because of divisions within political parties. Several people were injured in the latest day of angry demonstrations as the government put the bill before lawmakers. AFP

TAIWAN

Call to include animal rights in Constitution

Taipei: Animal rights advocates and legislators on Sunday braved the rain and cold in Taipei to march for the inclusion of animal rights in the Constitution. Nearly 100 people — some with pets in tow — attended the march, which set out from the Presidential Office Building for the Legislative Yuan at about 2pm. Organised by the Animal Protection Legislation Movement Alliance, a coalition of eight animal rights groups, the demonstration was held to urge the government to draft an amendment enshrining legal protections for animals into the Constitution. Taiwan People's Party Secretary-General Hsieh Li-kung praised the attendees for braving the cold, showing the force of will that would propel the movement forward. Animals are not objects, but should be loved and cared for like children, Hsieh said to the crowd. AFP

UN COURT HEARING ON ROHINGYA GENOCIDE CASE SET TO RESUME

THE HAGUE

AN international case accusing Myanmar of genocide against the Rohingya ethnic minority returns to the United Nations' highest court on Monday amid questions over whether the country's military rulers should even be allowed to represent the Southeast Asian nation.

Four days of public hearings at the International Court of Justice start Monday into Myanmar's preliminary objections to the case that was brought by Gambia, an African nation acting on behalf of an organization of Muslim nations that accuses Myanmar of genocide in its crackdown on the Rohingya.

In August 2017, Myanmar's military launched what it called a clearance campaign in Rakhine state in the country's west in response to an attack by a Rohingya insurgent group. The campaign forced more than 7,00,000 Rohingya to flee to neighbouring Bangladesh and led to accusations that security forces committed mass rapes and killings and burned thousands of homes.

Rohingya refugees gather near a fence during a government-organised media tour to a no-man's land between Myanmar and Bangladesh on June 29, 2018 | AP FILE

Gambia argues that the campaign amounted to a breach of the genocide convention and wants the court to hold the country responsible. The figurehead who led Myanmar's legal team in court last time there were public hearings in the case -- the nation's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi -- is in prison after being convicted on what supporters call trumped up charges.

Opponents of Myanmar's military rulers say they have appointed two officials to the country's legal team at the UN top court who are the subject of international sanctions. Critics of the military rulers say that the National Unity Government -- a shadow civilian administration -- should be representing the country at hearings in The Hague. The group says it has appointed an 'acting alternate agent', UN Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun, and says it's withdrawing the country's preliminary objections.

"This is a shameful double-whammy. Myanmar is being represented by people sanctioned for gross human rights abuses and violating the rule of law," said Chris Gunness, director of the Myanmar Accountability Project. "But in any case, this illegal junta should not be representing Myanmar." *AP*

BRAZIL STORM: DEATH TOLL RISES TO 152

RIO DE JANEIRO

THE death toll from torrential rains that triggered flash floods and landslides in the scenic Brazilian city of Petropolis has risen to 152, authorities said Sunday, as the pope sent his condolences.

Rescue workers and residents searching for their missing relatives continued digging through mountains of mud and rubble in the southeastern city, which President Jair Bolsonaro said Friday looked like "scenes of war." Police said 165 people remain missing after Tuesday's storm. It is unlikely any more will be found alive beneath the wreckage, authorities say. It is unclear how high the steadily rising death toll will go.

The number of missing has fallen as more bodies are identified, and as families manage to find relatives alive and well whom they feared lost in the chaos after the storm, police said. So far, 124 bodies have been identified, including 28 children, they said. Pope Francis sent his latest message of condolences Sunday following his Angelus prayer at Saint Peter's Square in the Vatican. "I express my closeness to those people hit in previous days by natural calamities," he said, mentioning "devastated" Petropolis as well as Madagascar, hit recently by deadly cyclones. Tuesday's was the latest in a series of deadly storms to hit Brazil, which experts say are made worse by climate change.

In the past three months, more than 200 people have died in severe rainstorms, mainly in the southeastern state of Sao Paulo and the northeastern state of Bahia, as well as Petropolis.

The latest storm turned streets in Petropolis into violent rivers that swept away trees, cars and buses, and triggered deadly landslides in poor hillside neighborhoods that ring the city of 300,000 people. Petropolis has so far recovered more than 300 cars washed away in the floods that were "strewn around the city, blocking streets and sidewalks or dumped in rivers," the mayor's office said. The storm dumped a month's worth of rain in several hours on the picturesque city. *AFP*

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KPTCL invites tenders on **Total Turnkey Basis** for 7 No's of Civil Engineering Works in Transmission Zone, Kalaburagi. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement" or https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 22.02.2022.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electry, Transmission Zone, KPTCL, "Prasaran Bhavan", Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

EXPRESS READ

Stray air strike kills seven children in Niger

Niamey: An air strike by the Nigerian army targeting 'bandits' has left seven children dead and five others wounded "by mistake" in the Maradi region of southern Niger, a local governor said on Sunday. "There was a mistake with the Nigerian strikes on the border that resulted in victims on our territory in the village of Nachade", said Chaibou Aboubacar, governor of the Maradi region, close to Nigeria. "The victims are 12 children, seven of them dead and five wounded," he said. AFP

Canada's trucker protests settle down

TORONTO

MOST of the streets around the Canadian Parliament are quiet now. The Ottawa protesters who vowed never to give up are largely gone, chased away by policemen in riot gear. The relentless blare of truckers' horns has gone silent.

But the trucker protest, which grew until it closed a handful of Canada-US border posts and shut down key parts of the capital city for weeks, could echo for years in Canadian politics and perhaps south of the border.

The protest, which was first aimed at a Covid vaccine mandate for cross-border truckers but also encompassed fury over the range of Covid restrictions and hatred of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, reflected the spread of disinformation in Canada and simmering populist and right-wing anger.

A man removes a flag of Canada from the hood of his vehicle as truckers prepare to drive away after participating in a blockade on Metcalfe Street in Ottawa | AP

Protesters had essentially occupied those streets for more than three weeks, embarrassing Trudeau and energising Canada's far right.

While most analysts doubt the protests will mark a historic watershed in Canadian politics, it has shaken both of Canada's two major parties. "The protest has given both the Liberals and the Conservatives a black eye," said Nelson Wiseman, a political science professor at the University of Toronto. Trudeau's Liberals look bad for allowing protesters to foment weeks of chaos in the capital city, he said, while the Conservatives look bad for championing protesters, many of them from the farthest fringes of the right. Even so, the protests may open the door to the sort of populism that former US President Donald Trump used to vault himself into the White House. *AP*

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₹18,856 cr Total amount withdrawn by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from the Indian markets in February so far, according to depositories data

HOW WILL LIC IPO AFFECT YOUR MONEY

RAJAS KELKAR

THE mother of all IPOs is here. The Life Insurance Corporation of India has filed a draft red herring prospectus or DRHP with the Securities and Exchange Board of India or Sebi, the markets regulator. The DRHP is about the government's plan to sell 31.6 million shares of LIC. It owns 100% of the largest insurance company in India and the fifth-biggest globally. The government is looking to offload these shares to institutional and retail investors in India and abroad to get ₹60,000 crore.

An initial public offering is a proud moment for any company. It gets the capital needed, and the company's equity shares are available for trading for the public. The purpose of the IPO is an offer to sell 5% of the shares by the government. No money would go to the LIC of India. That happens when the company does not need any money to fund growth. That makes LIC of India's IPO an extraordinary situation.

There is a lot of literature already in the media about the IPO. When such a giant company lists, it will shake things up.

Benchmark indices

When a company with a potential market cap of ₹140 lakh crore or $200 bn lists, benchmark indices cannot ignore the presence of such a large company. It would account for 4% of the market cap on stock exchanges and become the third-largest company by market value after Reliance Industries and TCS. It would become a part of the 30-share S&P BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty sooner than later. By virtue of being an index investor, you will indirectly own shares of LIC. To accommodate the LIC share, these indices would have to push out a bank or a non-banking financial services stock. That could mean shares of that stock would tumble. Financial services is already a dominant sector in these two indices. With LIC's listing, the index management team would have to do a tight rope walk to represent the underlying stock market activity.

Mutual fund portfolios

Mutual fund portfolios that look to outperform benchmark indices may also make changes to them as a result. A smart fund manager includes stocks other than the index to ensure an outperformance. You may see a churn by institutional investors. They may cut exposure to existing companies like HDFC Life, SBI Life and ICICI Pru Life to accommodate LIC. There is already an impact as the share prices of these companies have shed value since the announcement.

Stock market

Policyholders of the LIC of India will get a discount in the IPO. There are some 27 crore holders of life insurance policies from the LIC of India. However, there could be many individuals with multiple policies. Even if that is the case, the IPO is likely to boost participation in the stock market. According to the government data, there are only 7.3 crore, demat account holders as of October 2021-22. If the IPO encourages LIC policyholders to subscribe to the offer, that could further expand the number of investor accounts.

What it means to you

A life insurance policy is the first thing you buy at an early stage of your working life. The presence of a LIC agent within the family cannot be missed. There is always a friend or a relative who would make you take up an insurance policy or a unit-linked insurance plan. With the IPO of the biggest insurance company in India, you get access to a company that dominates the sector. It is also the biggest fund manager in India. LIC manages assets worth ₹39.5 lakh crore. That is bigger than the businesses that call themselves asset managers like mutual funds. It is quite dramatic in that sense. The biggest differentiator to consider when investing in LIC is a statement in the DRHP. India's insurance regulator, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, says that LIC is a domestic 'systemically' important insurer based on size, market importance, and global interconnectedness. The meaning of that is the government of India will not let LIC fail.

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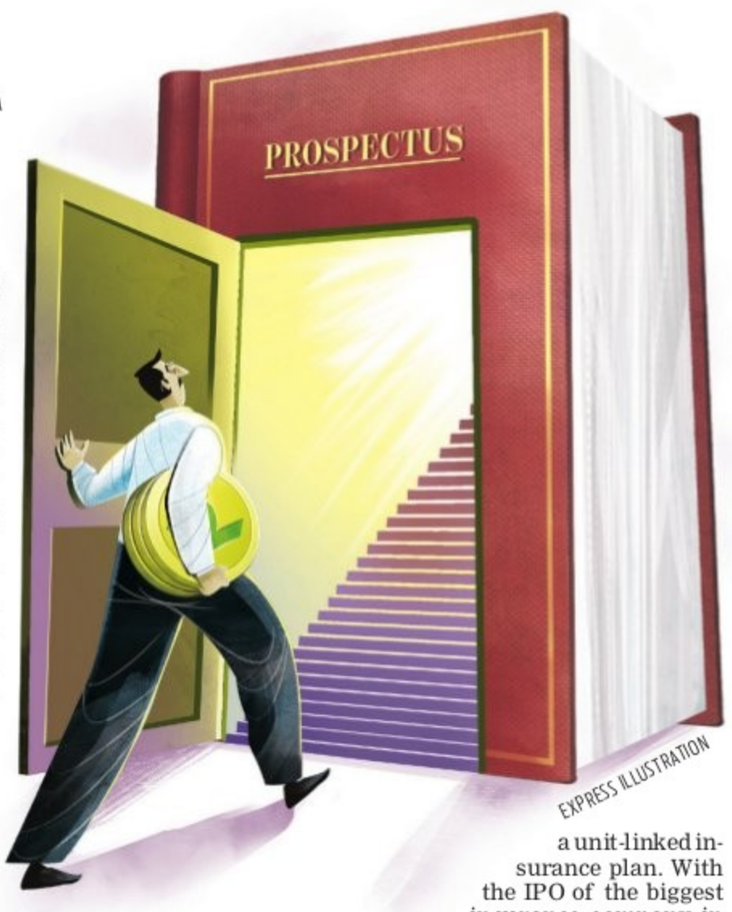

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Healthcare expenses that offer rebate in income tax

Several routine medical expenses are exempted from tax liabilities

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

WHEN it comes to availing income tax deductions, most common taxpayers think about investments in Employee Provident Funds, Public Provident Fund, tax saver mutual funds, life insurance, etc.

They, however, forget that many routine expenses such as expenses on education, healthcare, etc also qualify for deductions under different provisions of the Income Tax Act.

You can save a lot of taxes by claiming several of your healthcare expenses as deduction.

Contribution towards health insurance premium: The most common medical expense that people claim is money paid towards buying a health insurance premium.

One can claim up to ₹25,000 a year for buying health insurance covering self, kids and spouse. Another ₹25,000 can be claimed for buying a health insurance for parents who are not senior citizens yet.

If your parents are senior citizens, and the maximum deduction allowed is ₹50,000.

"Section 80D (of Income Tax Act) allows deduction of up to ₹50,000 for medical expenses incurred for senior citizens, self, spouses or dependent children. If you are making payment of medical bills of your senior citizen parents, you can take a separate deduction of up to ₹50,000. This limit is inclusive of the overall limit of Section 80D," says Archit Gupta, CEO & Co-Founder of Clear (previously Cleartax).

However, there is a condition for claiming that additional ₹50,000 spent on medical expenses of senior citizen parents. You can claim such deduction only if the person on whom such expenses are incurred is not covered under any health insurance policy. Also, the payment must be made by any mode other than cash.

One can also claim ₹5,000 on preventive check-ups within the overall limit of prescribed under Section 80D. So, for example if your family floater plan costs you ₹18,000 a year (against the overall limit of ₹25,000), you can claim an additional ₹5,000 on preventive health check-ups.

Expenditure on treatment and rehabilitation of a disabled dependent: If you have a disabled dependent — who happens to be your spouse, children, parents and siblings — then expenditure on treatment, training and rehabilitation of such a dependent is also eligible for income tax deduction up to a certain limit.

The disability of the dependent should not be less than 40%. The total deduction allowed in case of not severe disability (more than 40% but less than 80%) is ₹75,000 and in case of severe disability, the total deduction allowed is ₹1.25 lakh.

The disabilities for availing this benefit include low vision, blindness, hearing impairment, leprosy-cured, mental illness, mental retardation, etc. Disabilities for this purpose is defined under Section 2 in The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

Expenditure on self or dependent for treatment of certain diseases: A deduction of up to ₹40,000 is available for an individual, and ₹1 lakh if the expenditure is incurred on a senior citizen.

The specified diseases on treatment of which expenses incurred are allowed the deduction benefit include dementia, malignant cancer, AIDS, Parkinson's disease, etc.

However, if dependent is insured by a health policy and receives payment from the insurer or a part of the expense is re-imbursed by the employer, then that amount would be reduced from the deductible allowed.

Deduction for person with physical disability: If you suffer from certain physical disabilities like blindness, low-impairment, mental retardation, loco motor disability etc, you can avail deduction benefit up to ₹75,000 in case of non-severe disabilities, and ₹1.25 lakh in case of serious disabilities (80% or more disability).

TYPES OF MEDICAL EXPENSES UNDER WHICH YOU CAN CLAIM DEDUCTIONS

Nature of Expense	Maximum deduction allowed
Health insurance premium	₹25,000 for self, kids and spouse; additional ₹25,000 for parents who are below 60 or else ₹50,000 for parents above 60 yrs
Preventive health checkup	₹5,000 within the limits prescribed above
Expenditure incurred on medical treatment (including nursing), training and rehabilitation of a disbaled dependent	1. ₹ 75,000 if the diablility is less than 80%; 2. ₹1.25 lakh if the disability is severe (more than 80%)
Deduction for expenditure on self or dependent relative for mediacl treatment in case of certain diseases	₹40,000 in case of individuals who are below 60; Rs 1 lakh in case of senior citizens
Deduction for person suffering from physical disability	₹80,000 in case of non-severe disbaility; ₹1.25 lakh in case of severe disbility

₹50,000 expenses on senior citizens exempted

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MONEY-WISE

UNCERTAINTIES — ALARM, OR OPPORTUNITY?

THE Indian equity markets, mirroring their global counterparts have shed weight in recent times, as multiple uncertainties loom large over it. But, is it time yet to salvage one's equity investments, pack up and shift to less volatile asset classes? I have often heard this question over the last few months with the decibel level rising over the last fortnight or so.

My counter to such questions has always been: On the other hand, is this the moment for a calibrated ramp-up of investments in equity and hybrid mutual funds, assuming one's anchor debt and quasi-debt investments are in place? In the parlance of mutual fund investors, the same translates to Systematic Transfer Plans (STPs) for high net worth investors, and Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) for retail investors.

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This counter question of mine arises from my firm belief that almost every financial year serves investors in one of these two ways at the bourses — a year for investors or a year for the invested.

To elucidate, the former is characterised by good investment opportunities for investors, while the latter is characterised by good investment returns for the invested.

The window to do the former is usually far shorter and offers decidedly limited opportunities.

This makes it clear that if one does not utilise the opportunities in the year for making investments, then one is unlikely to be able to partake of the rewards, as the invested, in the years of good returns. Clearly then, investing is a win-win situation, albeit only for those with a long-term investment (minimum seven years, in my books) perspective and the ability to take calibrated risks.

While prevalent risks like the adverse fallout of any Russian military action in Ukraine, rising oil prices, the rupee-dollar exchange rate, the emergence of yet another corporate scam that will bleed Indian banks, mixed bag third quarter earnings, an uncomfortable P/E multiple and the possibility of political upheavals post the announcement of assembly elections in some key Indian states next month, all merit attention and respect, they are certainly not insurmountable.

At the same time, to wish them away overnight would be foolhardy too.

In such a scenario, what should the investment strategy of long-term investors be in the equity mutual fund investment space?

For starters, stay put with the core component of your investment portfolio, assuming the holdings there were purchased with sound reasoning and it still remains part of your long-term investment strategy based on your financial objectives. The rejig, if necessary, could be undertaken in the dynamic component of your investment portfolio.

In conclusion, whenever the market takes a nosedive as one or more of the risk factors play up, just ask yourself if you are a long-term investor and whether this is the financial year in which you should be looking at accumulation ? Your answer should determine your course of action.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

TCS
Current Price ₹3,800
Target Price ₹4,250

Given TCS' size, capabilities, and portfolio stretch, it is rightly positioned to leverage the anticipated industry growth. We maintain our positive stance on TCS, given its strong growth outlook. We expect 13.9%/16.0% USD revenue/INR EPS CAGR over FY22-24.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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NSE case: CBI grills Narain amid revelations by Sebi

RAM SAHGAL @ Mumbai

RAVI Narain, Chitra Ramkrishna's predecessor at NSE, was questioned by the CBI in Delhi on Saturday. He could be called in for further questioning, a person aware of the development said.

The questioning centred around the co-location case and one of its alleged beneficiaries, OPG Securities, the source added. This broker allegedly gained unfair access to NSE's secondary server in its co-location facilities during 2012-2014, enabling it access to exchange data before other members in the same facilities.

Narain was quizzed in light of the fresh facts brought out by Sebi's February 11 order against Ramkrishna, former MD &CEO of NSE, Anand Subramanian, ex-group operating officer and advisor to Ramkrishna, and himself, among others.

The order focused on alleged corporate governance lapses in Subramanian's appointment and Ramkrishna's sharing of confidential exchange information with an unknown person, whom she described as a yogi, "without physical persona".

CBI's present probe, post the Sebi order, is centred on ascertaining the identity of the unknown person or the yogi, whether the yogi has any links to the co-location scam of 2012-14 and other beneficiaries in the scam, if any.

Its probe into the present matter is an extension of its investigation into co-location scam in which it filed an FIR in 2018.

A CBI official was not immediately available for comment. The central police agency questioned Ramkrishna for two days last week in her suburban Mumbai residence on the yogi, among other things, it's learnt.

Income tax authorities are also questioning Ramkrishna and Subramanian, who resides in Chennai, post the Sebi order. They've searched the premises of both to ascertain suspected tax evasion.

Narain as vice chairman, NSE, and member of its nomination and remuneration committee was showcased for allowing Ramkrishna to resign in 2016 despite "having knowledge of such grave irregularities and misconduct on the part of Noticee no. 1 (Ramkrishna)," reads the Sebi order.

The CBI swooped onto the scene shortly after tax authorities began their probe. CBI's remit is to probe suspected corruption and misuse of office.

War fear likely to hit markets

Mumbai: The Nifty and the Bank Nifty are expected to trade within a range with a downward bias, with a breakdown from or breakout of range depending on the evolving geopolitical situation. The range for the two indices is 16750-18200 and 36750-40000. Any escalation of the geopolitical tensions in the Russian neighbourhood could see the supports shifting lower to 16400 for Nifty and 34800 for Bank Nifty, believes Rohit Srivastava , founder, IndiaCharts.

Beware of the benefits and pitfalls of international investing!

PANKAJ CHOPRA

BEFORE 1990, India was a closed economy. This meant that we had an objective of self-reliance and an ambition to make everything at home, from a needle to a spacecraft.

This attempt to make everything in the name of self-reliance was akin to us doing everything that we require ourselves and therefore there being no division of labour, development of specific skills and economies of scale. Indian businesses did not have the latest technology, efficiencies etc. and worked more on getting licenses and making money in a controlled environment. It was therefore no surprise that exports of manufactured products were not competitive and the country could not earn the required foreign exchange to meet its basic import needs.

The eventual foreign exchange crisis led to a complete overhaul of the thinking process and put into motion an alternate thought process leading the country towards a path of liberalisation.

After liberalising imports of products, technology, allowing foreign participation in various sectors and accepting investments by foreigners directly (FDI) and in companies (FPI), the regulations were relaxed to allow Indians to remit funds overseas under a new scheme called the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS).

The LRS is an important exception given to Indian individuals to remit money overseas within a certain limit by just informing. The bank which remits the money checks on the purpose of remittance to ensure that you are not creating an additional liability (by investing into derivatives etc.). Other than that there are no restrictions on the reason for remitting money overseas. It can be for your or your family member's expenses, purchase of financial investments, purchase of real estate or even just a gift to anyone.

Another important distinction made by the RBI is that no products can be marketed to customers under the LRS scheme. Therefore, it has to be the wish of the individual to remit money overseas rather than the push of a product to get her/him to remit.

LRS started with a limit of $25,000 per person per financial year and the limit has been increased successively. Today the limit stands at $ 250,000 (quarter of a million) per person per financial year. Technically, a family of 4 persons could collectively remit a million dollars (roughly ₹7.5 crore) outside every year. These limits are fairly relaxed for most of us.

If the amounts are not an issue and the process is simple, the challenge then is to understand where to invest. Investing overseas without the information and knowledge can indeed be a daunting task.

Just like in India, internationally too, there are financial advisors who can help plan your investments based on your objectives, risk appetite and the view on various asset classes and products. Finding them, having trust and faith in them, and investing a minimum amount that makes it worth their while will continue to be a challenge.

The other route to gain exposure to international investments is to invest into some of the existing and upcoming feeder funds set up by Indian mutual fund houses. These feeder funds invest into one or more funds internationally. They have several advantages.

However, these funds suffer from one big disadvantage. That relates to their expense structure. Because these fund of funds (FoFs) invest into other funds, there is an incidence of double expenses. Unfortunately, with the current environment of low interest rates, debt FoFs with high expense structures leave little on the table for investors. Equities are relatively better and while valuations run high in markets, long term investment in equity FOFs may give better returns.

As Indian nationals most of us have investments only in Indian assets and all of them are valued in Indian rupees. The main advantages of International investing are diversification away from the home market and diversification of currency risk. However, please be aware of the expenses you are incurring when trying to access these advantages.

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Jamshedpur go second after big victory in ISL

Jamshedpur FC beat Chennaiyin 4-1 in the ISL to move to the second spot, in Vasco on Sunday. Ritwik Das (23rd), Boris Singh (33rd) and **Daniel Chima Chukwu** (40th) got on the scoresheet before Deepak Devrani scored an own goal (46th). With 31 points from 16 matches, Jamshedpur are one point behind league leaders Hyderabad FC with a game in hand.

Beijing Winter Olympics closes after sporting drama, doping scandal involving Russian skater Valieva and golden Gu

COLOURFUL ENDING

Fireworks over the stadium during the closing ceremony of the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, on Sunday | AP

AFP @Beijing

A Beijing Winter Olympics which saw sporting drama and milestones but was tarnished by a Russian doping scandal ended on Sunday with an uplifting closing ceremony.

The Games will be remembered for new stars such as Eileen Gu but also for the doping controversy which engulfed 15-year-old figure skater Kamila Valieva and because they took place inside a vast Covid-secure "bubble".

The "Bird's Nest" stadium, which also took centre stage when Beijing hosted the 2008 Summer Games, was the scene for a celebratory, snowflake-themed closing ceremony attended by President Xi Jinping and a socially distanced crowd seated among red lanterns.

Declaring the Games closed and handing over to 2026 hosts Milano-Cortina, International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach hailed an "unforgettable Olympic experience".

There was no feared mass outbreak of Covid at the Games or in the wider community in the Chinese capital, but Bach said: "If we want to finally overcome this pandemic, we must be faster, we must aim higher, we must be stronger — we must stand together."

Samad, an old head on young shoulders

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

WHEN Abdul Samad walked in at 200/3 on the Day 2 of their Ranji Trophy match against Pondicherry, the pressure was on Jammu and Kashmir. With his team 143 runs behind, Samad's 78-ball 103 ensured J&K started their campaign on a victorious note. His knock was further evidence of why the 20-year-old is earmarked for big things in Indian cricket. In a conversation with this daily, the right-hander opens up about his innings, his batting and more. *Excerpts...*

There was something casual about your second scoring shot — a six over mid-on. Can you explain?

Actually, the ball was moving away from me. He was bowling out-swingers. So I just decided to charge him. That's why I went straight. I was trying to bat with a straight bat. And I connected well and it went well.

But your team had just lost two quick wickets...

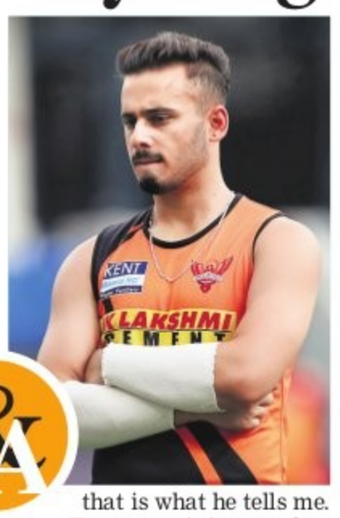
Actually, I connected the first boundary (flick) very well and I got confidence out of it. That went from the middle off the bat and I tried to analyse the situation. I just played my game without changing much. Eventually, it is the run that matters.

You are keeping it so simple. Do you get pulled up by the coach when you get out going for a big shot?

(Laughs). Whenever I get out, everyone says you could have stayed a bit longer and could have scored more runs. But I was confident that I'm going to play a good amount of deliveries and get some good runs. I was trying to play balls and stay in the crease. Boundaries were coming easily. They were bowling to me in the slot. So I had to go for those.

Mithun Manhas (JKCA official) says all we ask from Samad is to face 60-70 deliveries in an innings...

I also had a chat with him and that is what he tells me. Target a minimum of 60 balls... that would be enough for you to score a century. But in this game, I was targeting 150 balls. That's why I was disappointed.



The last couple of IPL editions has been huge for you. Did those things add pressure, particularly being retained by Hyderabad?

First of all, I'm grateful that I'm playing the Ranji Trophy and IPL as well. As far as handling that pressure is concerned (chuckles), you shouldn't think too much about that. If you do, then you tend to overthink and it gives space for lots of unnecessary thoughts. A lot of thoughts in the mind create a much bigger problem (laughs). You just have to stay focussed on one thing: what are you capable of and what you can do and what you can achieve? That's it. That is what keeps me positive.

You sound way too mature for a 20-year-old...

(Laughs) I don't even know where I got this from. Even whatever I just said, I don't know.

IPL can also be a distraction. How do you handle it?

As far as IPL is concerned, I firmly believe I have done nothing. With my ability, I have to come up with a lot of good performances. I'm not trying to put pressure on myself, but I believe Playing IPL alone is not enough. I will try to make this year big.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Three points for Karnataka from Railways draw

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WHEN Mayank Agarwal and Ravikumar Samarth walked out to bat on the fourth and final day of the Ranji Trophy clash between Karnataka and Railways in Chennai, their plan was to score as much as possible before lunch and put Railways back in and have a crack at an outright victory on Sunday.

That Jammu & Kashmir were on the verge of beating Pondicherry from their group was all the more reason for Manish Pandey's team to give it a shot. However, Karnataka settled for a draw, taking three points, courtesy first innings lead.

In the first session, both Mayank and Samarth got their fifties, but Karnataka lost the former and struggled to up the ante. They added 77 runs before lunch, extending the lead to 199. Post-lunch, Samarth and the rest of the middle-order tried to accelerate. A little over half hour before Tea, Manish declared as they were reduced to 223 for nine, thanks to a four-wicket haul from Amit Mishra.

KV Siddharth, who scored 146 for Karnataka in the first innings, said that the pitch wasn't easy to score. "We wanted to try and score as many runs as possible before lunch, but couldn't as the pitch was getting slower, " he said after the match, adding that they had a target over 270 in mind as anything less would have been an advantage for Railways.

Having to chase 279 runs in a minimum of 41 overs, Railways lost three quick wickets after Tea. Debutant V Vyshak rattled the stumps of Mrunal Devdhar and Arindam Ghosh was soon back in the pavilion after edging one to the keeper. At the other end, Shivam Chaudhary was caught at forward short-leg off K Gowtham. Before even trying to go for the target, Railways were on the back-foot at 26 for three.

From there, it was all about survival for them as Vivek Singh and Mohammad Saif, put their anchor down, and played out everything that was thrown at them. It seemed like there could be a twist in the tale when Vivek got out soon after the final hour of play began as he hit Samarth straight to Shreays Gopal at covers. But, the players shook hands the very next over, deciding to settle for a draw.

SELECT SCORES

Group B: Hyderabad 347 & 269/8 d in 62.0 ovs beat Chandigarh 216 & 183 in 50.5 ovs (T Ravi Teja 6/41)

Group C: Karnataka 481 & 223/9 d in 63.2 ovs (Samarth 83, Mayank 56) drew Railways 426 & 69/4 in 33.0 ovs; Pondicherry 343 & 124 in 45.5 ovs (Rasool 6/29) lost to Jammu & Kashmir 426 & 45/2 in 12.4 ovs

Group D: Mumbai 544/7 drew Saurashtra 220 & 372/9 in 116.0 ovs (Pujara 91); Goa 181 & 394/5 d in 106.1 ovs (Kauthankar 165) drew Odisha 189 & 239/7 in 100.0 ovs

Group E: Rajasthan 275 & 316 in 92.2 ovs beat Andhra 224 & 209 in 53.3 ovs (Sharma 4/32)

Group G: Maharashtra 415 beat Assam 248 & 160 in 73.0 ovs (Parag 56; 7/45); Uttar Pradesh 301 & 280/6 in 94.5 ovs drew Vidarbha 548/6 d **Group H:** Delhi 452 & 228/0 in 60.5 ovs (Dhull 113, Shorey 107) drew Tamil Nadu 494

SERIES TAKEAWAYS

A T20I clean sweep against the West Indies is always a welcome result because of the strength of the opposition. A look at what worked for India and a few areas that requires improvements...

IYER'S DEATH HITTING

India have, for a long time, had multiple batters exploding at the death. Save for the likes of Hardik Pandya, they have not had a finisher in recent times. What Venkatesh Iyer has done in the last five days is a massive plus.

NEW-BALL WICKETS

With the ball moving around, the bowlers have delivered by picking up new ball wickets in every match. The visitors have twice lost one of the openers in the first over. It's something they didn't do enough at the World Cup.

MIDDLE MUDDLE

Even if the hosts are embracing a different strategy there is still a sense of consolidation post the power play. In the 18 overs they have faced in the three games (from overs no 7 to 12), they have scored 112/6. This may cost them.

CONCERN OVER DEEPAK CHAHAR

Pacer Deepak Chahar looked in considerable discomfort as he pulled up during his second over. He was holding his hip as he limped off the field. He didn't return and an official update is awaited. Chahar has impressed with his wicket-taking abilities with the new ball.

3.57

Venkatesh has struck a boundary every 3.57 balls faced this series.

Brief scores india 184/5 in 20 ovs (S Yadav 65, Venkatesh 35 n.o) **bt** West Indies 167/9 in 20 ovs (Pooran 61; Harshal 3/22).

Suryakumar Yadav hit a 31-ball 65 to help India post 184

PKL 8 set for thrilling finish

AGENCIES @ Bengaluru

After a competitive Pro Kabaddi League action for the last two months, the league has entered the Playoffs stage, which starts from Monday. Patna Pirates, Dabang Delhi K.C, U.P Yoddha, Gujarat Giants, Bengaluru Bulls and Puneri Paltan are set to battle it out for the title.

With plenty of twists and turns, the league witnessed one of the most exciting seasons ever to the extent that it took till the last matchday of the league stages to determine the top-6 teams. The playoffs are set to take stage on February 21st & February 23rd, and the grand finale will take centre stage on February 25th.

Puneri Paltan will lock horns with U.P. Yoddha on Monday in the first Eliminator of the competition. The second Eliminator match of the night will feature Gujarat Giants and Bengaluru Bulls – teams who finished fourth and fifth in the league respectively.

EXPRESS READ

United win, tighten grip on top 4

LEEDS: Manchester United survived blowing another half-time lead to open up a four-point advantage in the race for a top-four finish in the Premier League with a 4-2 win at relegation-threatened Leeds. Late on Saturday, Manchester City's failed pursuit of Harry Kane came back to haunt them as he scored twice to secure Tottenham a 3-2 win. Meanwhile, Real Madrid, on Saturday, beat Alaves 3-0 in La Liga.

Former India football coach Rustam no more

NEW DELHI: Former Indian football team coach Rustam Akramov, who introduced Bhaichung Bhutia to the international game in 1995 and took the Blue Tigers to their highest-ever FIFA ranking, has died at his native place in Uzbekistan. He was 73. The legendary Uzbek coach died on February 15, according to reports.

Vukic clinches Bengaluru Open

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

DEEP into last year, Aleksandar Vukic came agonisingly close to winning his maiden title. In the last three tournaments of 2021 in which the Australian competed, he reached the finals twice, but was second-best in both, thus delaying his wait for a maiden title. The search eventually came to an end with the 25-year-old defeating Bulgarian Dimitar Kuzmanov in straight sets 6-4, 6-4 at the KSLTA Stadium here to clinch the Bengaluru Open 2 ATP Challenger on Sunday.

It is a sweet victory considering what the Aussie, who was also infected with Covid, went through last year. Vukic had his fair share of struggles with hamstring injuries and also had blisters on the foot, which made him miss some competitions.

Besides, Vukic also struggled mentally as he could not go back home with hard quarantine measures in Australia then. "Around March-April last year, I can say that I did struggle with injuries. And then I was also on the road last year for so long. I could not go back home to Australia. Then I struggled mentally, not being

Bengaluru Open champion Aleksandar Vukic (R) pose with former India hockey captain Dhanraj Pillay (c) and runners-up Dimitar Kuzmanov

home and also got Covid before the US Open (qualifying). But ever since, my game has been going in the right direction," said Vukic, who looked in firm control throughout the meet.

After losing to eventual runner-up Borna Gojo in the first Challenger last week, Vukic just dropped a single set in the second event to his fellow countryman Max Purcell in the Garden City. He did not look himself during the first tournament, but he gradually got used to the conditions and was at his menacing best in the final, where he struck some thunderous winners from the baseline. Service-wise, he had nine aces too on Sunday.

At the other end, Kuzmanov did lose his cool twice in the second set -- hitting the ball outside the stadium, thereby getting warned. A few minutes later, he also smashed the racket, getting a point penalty. Interestingly the set also witnessed how the Bulgarian changed his approach to a certain extent. The latter began to play some drop shots, it worked on a few occasions, but overall the Australian was in top form to outthink his opponent and win the contest in 85 minutes.

"He started doing that (drop shot) a little bit more. I think I was handling his normal shots quite well so I think he wanted to mix it up. Credit to him for doing that, some of that shots worked for him. But after a break in the second set, the game was on my racket and I was able to hold for the rest of the match to win the title," said Vukic, who dedicated his title to his family. "I definitely would like to dedicate this victory to my family who have stood by me in tough times."

BFC desperate for win against Odisha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

OF late, it has a been a diffuclt period for Bengaluru, who lost back-back matches in the ISL. As a result, their aim of securing top four spot has taken a hit. The Blues, who are set to face Odisha FC in Bambolim on Monday, are desperate for three points as they lie sixth with 23 points. However, even if they achieve positive results in their last three matches, Marco Pezzaiuoli and his men would need other results to go their way.

Pezzaiuoli is aware of the situation, but wants to focus on Odisha rather than other teams. "In football it is normal to not have all things in your control. So we're not going to focus on things we can't effect. Instead, we're determined to bring fresh energy to the pitch against Odisha," the gaffer said.

Bengaluru are going to miss some of their key men, including goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu (illness) and Suresh Wangjam (ankle), while Ashique Kuruniyan, Jayesh Rane and Rohit Kumar are still recovering from injuries.

Irrespective of the players Bengaluru field on the pitch, one can expect them to give it their all. However, it is not going to any easy when they come up against Odisha, who are a strong side when on song. Earlier in the season, Bengaluru had defeated Odisha.

"Odisha are a team that attack very well on the counter, and that is something we will need to be cautious of," Pezzaiuoli said. "If we give them space, they will make the most of it."

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Deepa A.M, Advocate
KAR/474/2012
No.6, Bhumika, 80 Feet Road,
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Bangalore Dated: 20.02.2022

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IN THE COURT OF THE 34th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & S.C. No. 618/2021 (CCH-35)

Between: 1. Sri. S. RAJENDRA S/o S N Siddashetty, Aged about 50 years
2. Kumar. R. MANOJ S/o S Rajendra, Aged about 17 years. Petitioner No.2 is represented by his Father and natural guardian Petitioner No.1
Both are residing at No.2535, GFL, 10th Main, 2nd Stage Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010 ...PETITIONERS
And: DHFL PRAMERICA Life Insurance Com., Ltd., ...RESPONDENTS

(SS/Notice to services by Advertisement in a News paper) Notice Under Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC to the Defendants

To, RESPONDENT : DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance Company Office at No. 4th Floor, Building No.9B, Cyber City, DLF Phasa III, Gurgaon 122002, Haryana.
Bangalore Office at No.2H32 + 35, 1st N Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010.
...RESPONDENT

Whereas the petitioners have Instituted a suit against you and you have been made party as respondent, for the relief of issue Succession Certificate to get claim amount of Schedule Policy in favour of Petitioners. You are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person on by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer question relating to the suit **on 07.03.2022 (CCH-35) at 11 0' clock** in the forenoon, to answer the claim, and as the day fixed for final disposal of this petition.

SCHEDULE POLICY

Details:-

Policy Name	:	DHFL PRAMERICA RAKSHAK Plus
Policy Number	:	00436212
Plan Code	:	T06
Policy Holder	:	Mrs. BHAVYA N
Installment premium	:	Rs.24,096.04
Commencement date	:	30-7-2016
Policy Term	:	10 Years
Base Sum Assured	:	Rs.1,10,239/-

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 16.02.2022.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioners

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Last date & time for submission of bids: 22.03.2022 at 11.00 hrs.
The complete bidding process will be online (e-tendering) only. All the notifications, Time extension, Corrigendum, Addendum etc. if any, regarding this tenders hereafter will be hosted in the CPP and FACT website only and will not be published in newspapers.

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Name of work : Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Training, Operation and Maintenance of SCADA System (Automation of Gate operations) for Srisailam Right Bank Canal (SRBC), Kurnool Kadapa Canal (KC Canal) and Telugu Ganga Canal systems in Andhra Pradesh under National Hydrology Project (NHP). PID&Pacage No.: 10208 and NHP-2021-2022-APSW 157200. Start/Last Date/Time of Tender document schedules available: From 21/02/2022, 11.00 Hrs to 23/03/2022, 13.00 Hrs. Interested/authorized/reputed Bidders may obtain the tender schedule from https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app. For Further details visit: **http://nhp.mowr.govin/home/Tender Details.aspx** and **http://irrigationap.cgg.gov.in/wrd/getTenderDigest.** Contact: **8331019653.** Email: **andhrasw@ap.gov.in.**

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditors, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officers of Indian Bank , the Secured Creditors, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 23-03-2022 for recovery of Rs. 1,14,32,132.53** (Rupees One Crore Fourteen lacs Thrity two thousand One hundred and Thirty Two and Paise Fifty Three Only) as on 19/02/2022 with further interest and charges and expenses due to Indian Bank, SAM Branch, Secured Creditor, with further interest and charges due to,secured creditor,from:Mr P.Venkatesh,S/o Sri Puttaswamegowda, No 292, 9th Main, 8th Cross, Yelachennahalli, Bangalore 560078

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Encumbrances on property	NIL
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EMD Amount	**Rs 15,15,000/-**
Bid incremental amount	Rs 50,000/-
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Sd/-Authorised Officer,
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Singaporeans fall prey to pig-butchering crypto scam

CYBER-FRAUD

SINGAPORE: Victims in Singapore have lost more money to bogus investment schemes than any other ruse in the last three years, especially falling prey to Chinese-origin "pig-butchering" cryptocurrency scam, losing SGD190.9 million last year, over five times the SGD36.9 million in 2019.

A recent variant that has appeared in Singapore is the "pig-butchering" scam, said the report, adding that the Chinese term "sha zhu pan" means to fatten a pig before slaughtering. It was coined by the perpetrators themselves to describe their scam.

Fraudsters spend months cultivating a relationship with the targets before urging them to invest in bogus investment schemes.

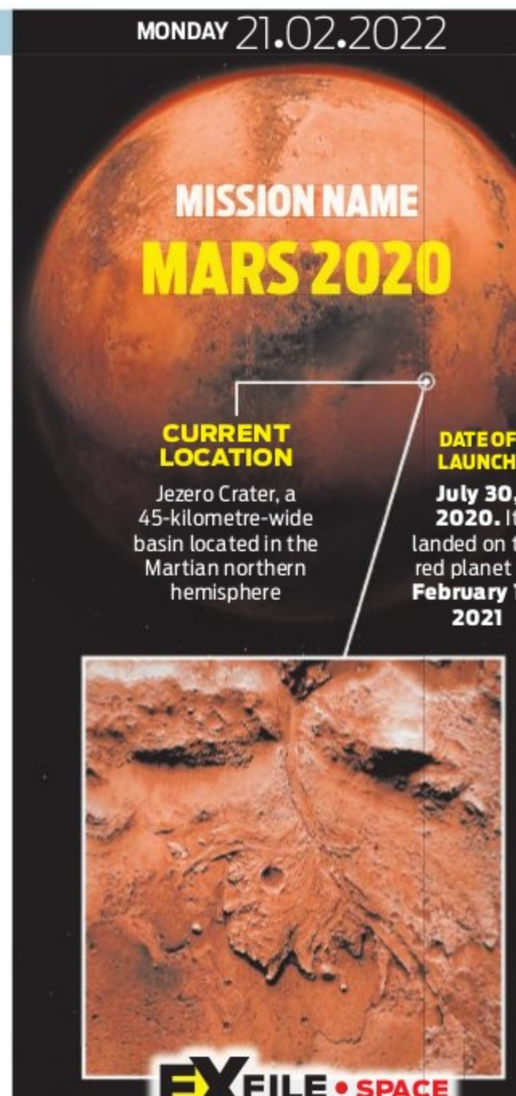
The Singapore daily cited news reports saying that pig-butchering scams started in China in 2016. Back then, scammers groomed their victims to place bets on fake gambling websites.

The Chinese government cracked down on illegal betting in 2018. But fraudsters then targeted Chinese-speaking diaspora in South-east Asia.

As the demographic expanded to include Europe and the United States, scam tactics evolved to keep abreast with the growing popularity of cryptocurrency investments.

response to queries, the Singapore Police Force said victims here ended up transferring money to banks predominantly in China, including Hong Kong.

About 70 per cent of the victims were women aged between 25 and 40 years old. *PTI*



ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PERSEVERANCE MARS LANDING

NASA's Perseverance rover has successfully completed the first year since touching down on Mars on February 18, 2021. During this time, the rover checked many boxes on its to-do list. Let's take a look at the rover and its mission

PURPOSE
Seek signs of ancient life and collect samples of rock and regolith (broken rock and soil) for possible return to Earth

2 YEARS
The length of the mission. This is a precursor to more advanced automated rovers and even human landings

3.5 BILLION YRS AGO
A river near Jezero crater flowed into a body of water about the size of Lake Tahoe, depositing sediments in a fan shape known as a delta. It is possible this ancient river delta and lake deposits could have collected and preserved organic molecules and other potential signs of microbial life

FIRST ROVER
To take a sample caching system to Mars that will package promising samples for return to Earth by a future mission

1,025 KG
Weight of the rover, making it the heaviest one to ever land safely on Mars

320 METRE
Covered by Perseverance on February 14, 2022, breaking a record for the most distance driven by a Mars rover in a single day

19
Cameras on the rover, more than any interplanetary mission in history

MOXIE
Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilisation Experiment, the first prototype oxygen generator on the Red Planet. It is used to create small amounts of oxygen from Martian atmospheric carbon dioxide

9
More such extractions planned before the end of the mission

5.37 G
of oxygen were produced in an hour on 20 April 2021

06
Core samples collected from the Martian surface so far. Two more are to be collected in the coming weeks

INGENUITY COPTER
The first helicopter on Mars. It hitched a ride with the Perseverance rover and successfully demonstrated powered flight on the red planet

19 APRIL 2021
Ingenuity's first flight

19
Flights made so far

Ingenuity Copter

CARRYING A LEGACY
Ingenuity carries a piece of fabric from the wing of the 1903 Wright Flyer, the Wright Brothers' airplane

EQUIPPED WITH AUTONAV
The self-driving software that allows Perseverance to find its own path around rocks and other obstacles

TECH TRANSFER
Perseverance carries instruments and technology that will help pave the way for future human missions to the Moon and Mars, like the Ingenuity copter and MOXIE

HIV

While there has been a milestone development in the treatment of HIV, with three people being cured of the disease so far, the world is still 10 to 20 years away from a viable cure against the virus, a scientist has warned

Fortress Australia finally reopens

After two years of some of the strictest travel bans, vaccinated tourists are allowed again

COVID

SYDNEY: Australia opens its international borders to all vaccinated tourists Monday, nearly two years after the island nation first imposed some of the world's strictest Covid-19 travel restrictions.

"The wait is over," Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said during a press conference on Sunday ahead of the re-opening. "Pack your bags," he told potential visitors, adding, "Don't forget to bring your money with you, because you'll find plenty of places to spend it."

The first flight into Sydney Airport will arrive from Los Angeles at 6 am (1900 GMT), followed by arrivals from Tokyo, Vancouver and Singapore.

Only 56 international flights are expected to land in Australia in the 24 hours after the re-opening -- far below pre-pandemic levels – but Morrison said he had "no doubt" the number will scale up in time.

Australia closed its borders to almost everyone except citizens and residents in March 2020 in an attempt to slow surging Covid-19 case numbers.

The travel ban -- which also barred citizens from travelling overseas without an exemption and imposed a strict cap on international arrivals -- earned the country the nickname "Fortress Australia".

Every month under the policies has cost businesses an estimated Aus$3.6 billion (US$2.6 billion), according to the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with tourism particularly hard hit.

Tony Walker, managing director of Quicksilver Group, which operates cruises, diving excursions and resorts across the Great Barrier Reef, told AFP he was "very excited about being able to re-open".

International tourists "make up around 70 percent" of business for tourism operators on the reef, Walker said, making the two-year border closure "incredibly difficult". Morrison on Sunday said tourism had "really borne the brunt of this Covid pandemic" and he thanked the sector.

Western Australia will not re-open to international travellers on Monday, holding off until March 3.

Until recently, the state had pursued a strict Covid-zero policy, cutting itself off from the rest of Australia.

The decision sparked lawsuits -- and the observation it was easier for Australians to travel to Paris than Perth – but proved popular with West Australians.

Announcing the re-opening date for triple-vaccinated travellers, state Premier Mark McGowan said "there comes a point where the border is redundant, because we'll already have the growth of cases here".

While the Australian government has launched a Aus$40 million advertising campaign to lure tourists back, the Australian Tourism Export Council warned this week that "there are worrying signs consumers are wary of travelling here with confusion over our various state travel restrictions and concern about snap border closures". *AFP*

Textile inflation causes panic in industry

FASHION

LONDON: Textile prices, like many raw materials, are soaring on resurgent post-pandemic demand and the rocketing cost of both energy and transport, industry experts say.

Cotton, linen, silk and wool, as well as synthetic materials derived from petroleum, faced surging prices in recent months, boosted also by the global supply-chain crunch.

As a result, red-hot inflation is now a major talking point at the industry's London Fashion Week showpiece, which runs until Thursday.

Price hikes represent a new challenge for the industry that has already been stricken by both Brexit and the Covid-19 health emergency.

Cotton, which had already surged almost 50 percent last year, peaked earlier this month at $1.29 per pound—reaching a level last seen in 2011.

Organic cotton from key producer India has experienced buoyant demand due to low stockpiles. *AFP*

PARADE YOUR TALENT

Artists lean against a tree prior to the start of the 137th Nice Carnival parade in Nice, southeastern France. The Carnival takes place until February 27, 2022 on the theme "King of animals" | AFP

People uneasy about 'living with Covid'

HEALTH

LONDON: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has denied throwing "caution to the wind" as he prepares to end all pandemic-related legal restrictions in England, amid a political backlash and scientific unease.

Johnson's premiership is in peril as police investigate a series of lockdown-breaching parties in Downing Street, and he stands accused by opposition parties of seeking to distract public attention with the new Covid plan.

But in a BBC interview, he said that with case numbers and hospitalisations from the Omicron wave apparently under control, it was time to revert to "personal responsibility" rather than legal mandates.

Under a "living with Covid" plan, the government says it intends this week to end a legal requirement for people to self-isolate when infected with the coronavirus. Johnson could address parliament as early as Monday. The government says local authorities will be required to manage further outbreaks with pre-existing legal powers, and is expected to phase out free Covid testing for the general public, having already eliminated a mandate to wear masks in public settings.

The NHS Confederation, which represents senior managers in the state-run National Health Service, said its internal polling showed a large majority of health staff were opposed to ending self-isolation and free tests.

Matthew Taylor, the confederation's chief executive, acknowledged that the government's mass vaccination programme and emergence of new Covid treatments offered "real hope". "But the government cannot wave a magic wand and pretend the threat has disappeared entirely," he said.

David Nabarro, the World Health Organization's special envoy for Covid, said that scrapping the law on self-isolation was "really very unwise indeed".

In the UK's devolved system, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland set their own health policies and are largely staying more cautious than Johnson's intentions for England. *AFP*

FACT OF THE MATTER

Eunice death toll rises to 16

ENVIRONMENT

Crews cleared fallen trees and worked to restore power to about 400,000 people in Britain as Western Europe cleaned up Saturday after one of the most damaging storms in years. At least 16 people were killed, many by falling trees, in Western Europe. A cleanup also was underway in the Netherlands, where four people died as Eunice tore across the country on Friday. Engineers were expected to assess damage to the roof of a stadium in The Hague where professional soccer team ADO The Hague plays its home matches after parts of the structure were blown loose. Across the country, teams were shifting fallen trees and beginning to repair roofs damaged by the storm.

Queen tests positive

HEALTH

Britain's 95-year-old Queen Elizabeth II tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday, but aides said her symptoms were "mild". While normally secretive about the queen's health, the palace has previously confirmed she is triple-vaccinated against Covid-19. Britain's Press Association said "it is understood a number of cases have also been diagnosed among the Windsor Castle team". Prime Minister Boris Johnson tweeted: "I'm sure I speak for everyone in wishing Her Majesty The Queen a swift recovery from Covid and a rapid return to vibrant good health." Keir Starmer, leader of the main opposition Labour party, also tweeted his hopes for "a speedy recovery".

VOLCANO DISASTER

Work underway to give Italy's dead city new life

HISTORY

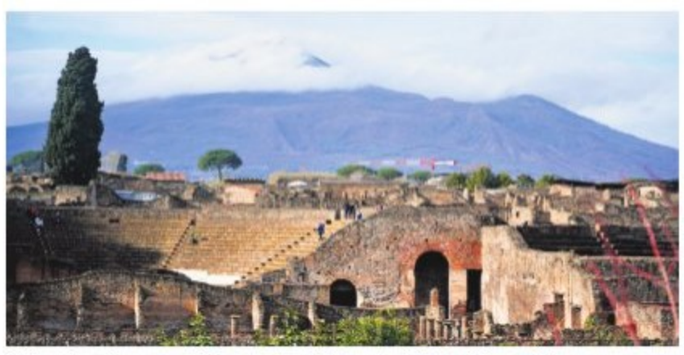
POMPEII: In a few horrible hours, Pompeii was turned from a vibrant city into an ash-embalmed wasteland, smothered by a furious volcanic eruption in A.D. 79.

Then in this century, the excavated Roman city appeared alarmingly close to a second death, assailed by decades of neglect, mismanagement and scant systematic maintenance of the heavily visited ruins. The 2010 collapse of a hall where gladiators trained nearly cost Pompeii its coveted UNESCO World Heritage Site designation.

But these days, Pompeii is experiencing the makings of a rebirth. Excavations undertaken as part of engineering stabilization strategies to prevent new collapses are yielding a raft of revelations about the everyday lives of Pompeii's residents, as the lens of social class analysis is increasingly applied to new discoveries.

Under the archaeological park's new German-born director, innovative technology is helping restore some of Pompeii's nearly obliterated glories and limit the effects of a new threat — climate change.

Gabriel Zuchtriegel, an archaeologist appointed director general 10 months ago, likens Pompeii's rapid deterioration, starting in the 1970s, to "an airplane going down to the ground and really risking breaking" apart.



Mt Vesuvius towers over the remains of the ancient town of Pompeii | AP

The Great Pompeii Project, an infusion of about 105 million euros ($120 million) in European Union funds — on condition it be spent promptly and effectively by 2016 — helped spare the ruins from further degradation.

"It was all spent and spent well," Zuchtriegel said in an interview on a terrace with Pompeii's open-air Great Theater as a backdrop.

But with future conservation problems inevitable for building remains first excavated 250 years ago, new technology is crucial "in this kind of battle against time," the 41-year-old told The Associated Press.

Climate extremes, including increasingly intensive rainfall and spells of baking heat, could threaten Pompeii. "Some conditions are changing and we can already measure this," said Zuchtriegel. *AP*

Is trusting party drug a good idea?

MEDICINE

Americans are paying to get a star of the psychedelic medicine movement—ketamine—shipped to them for at-home mental health treatments that are being called both a breakthrough and a gamble. A pandemic-spurred easing of prescription rules helped fuel a jump in telemedicine offerings of ketamine, an anesthetic that was once a taboo party drug but has become a buzzed-about tool against depression. Yet long-term, large-scale studies of ketamine's medical impact are limited, leaving some experts concerned that an unregulated online boom could result in mishaps or a regulatory crackdown. Ketamine has been available in the United States since the 1970s as an anesthetic called a "dissociative" because of the hallucinogenic effects that have helped make it a rave culture drug. It's legal for US doctors to prescribe, while some other psychedelics getting renewed attention for mental health uses like LSD or MDMA are classified as having no medical utility and a high risk for abuse.

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Party launch

Film star Kamal Haasan launched a new political party called *Makkal Needhi Mayyan* or the People's Justice Party on this day in 2018

PLANTING THE FLAG

The party flag with white background with red and white hands and a star was unveiled just before the party announcement. The colours are seen as a pointer to the Dravidian ideology

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FOR THE PEOPLE

The party's core aim is to lead the people to an elevated social and economical pedestal from neither a leftist perspective nor a rightist perspective

DEBUT AT THE POLLS

In its debut assembly polls, MNM contested from 154 seats. Of the remaining 80 constituencies, AISMK and IJK contested on 40 seats each

Niranjan Sudhindra to shoot for Hunter from today

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'RAJ'S WIFE LOVED OUR CHEMISTRY'

A still from the film

Gulshan Devaiah, who recently played the love interest of Rajkummar Rao in the movie *Badhaai Do*, tells *CE* why he picked a role with a short screen time

MONIKA MONALISA

GULSHAN Devaiah's part in the movie *Badhaai Do* was not just a pleasant surprise for his fans, but also brought in more substance to the movie. Devaiah, who romances Rajkummar Rao, the male lead in the movie, says Rao is a wonderful actor and romancing him was easy. "His wife had visited the set in Dehradun and she said, 'You guys share such wonderful chemistry'," says Devaiah, who plays a character by the name Guru Narayan.

His association with Harshavardhan Kulkarni, director of the movie, goes back to *Hunterr*, which was Kulkarni's first movie as director. When *Badhaai Do* came about, they thought Devaiah was a great choice to play a part. "I think they waited for the right time to call me. He said there is a small part and asked me if I would be interested to come for a shoot for 2-3 days. It comes towards the end of the movie but it is a very crucial part," says Devaiah.

Though he is very clear about not doing cameos, he made an exception for this particular movie. "Sometimes, some things really seem like a good idea. I am not really a cameo sort of guy, I like full-fledged parts. I trust Harsh as he's my friend and I want to support him as well," says Devaiah, adding that the team wanted his part to be a surprise. He had even requested an uncredited part but "the team was too embarrassed about it".

Most of Devaiah's scenes are with Rao, who he "likes and respects" as an actor. "It was a wonderful opportunity to reunite with all of them. I had last worked with him in *Shaitan*, where he had a small part," says Devaiah. The actor is also seen sharing screen space with Sheeba Chaddha, who plays Rao's mother in the film.

Guru Narayan is basking in the glory of the success of the film, which has appealed to the LGBTQ community who find him relatable. "I didnt think of the fact that he was gay, I just knew that he was in love. Guru Narayan is a person who is comfortable with who he is. All the LGBTQ community wants is equal treatment," says Devaiah, who is yet to watch the movie.

While the actor is more keen on playing full-length roles, he says it depends on numerous factors. "You have to have some sense and curate your career after a certain point. In the beginning, you just hope you work on good projects, but after a point you need to have some sort of idea about what you want to do or what you don't want to do. In my case I have figured the latter," says Devaiah, whose next film is a project with Zoya Akhtar, the story of which is written by Reema Kagti, and stars Sonakshi Sinha.

Gulshan Devaiah

Chef Arup Kakati

Dining with a touch of luxe

Want to experience five-star dining without stepping out of your home? This portal offers just that

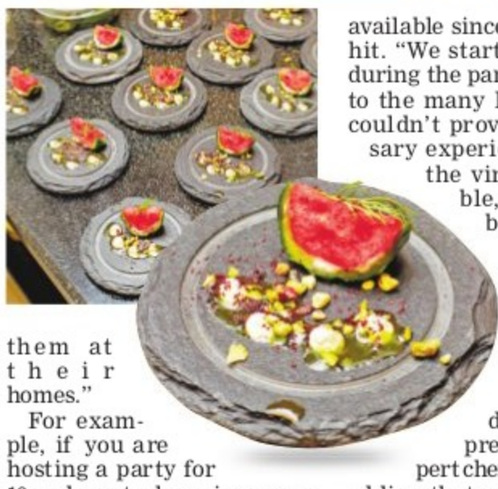
Chef Anu Boccasam

Chef Mako Ravindran

ANILA KURIAN

WHEN Anu Boccasam came to her parent's home in Jayanagar from Geneva in 2020, she had to stay longer than she anticipated due to the pandemic-induced lockdown. While discussing her work with her friends, she realised that one of the things she loves to do had great potential in Bengaluru – elevate the culture of conscious eating at every chef's table and empower chefs to create innovative and intimate experiences for food lovers in the city. Thus began Chefs-a-Porter.

Now run by Farheen Noor (head of operations), Shiv Deviah (director of Chefs-a-Porter) and Mako Ravindran (co-founder of Chefs-a-porter and ex-consultant with 1Q1, Harima, Bier Library), Chefs-a-Porter provides culinary experiences for people to enjoy from the comfort of their homes. Speaking to *CE*, Noor explains, "We've collaborated with chefs who are experts in their fields. We give people the option to choose what they want to order (as per cuisine) and we provide the service for them at their homes."



For example, if you are hosting a party for 10 and want a luxurious experience, you can choose which cuisine you want to serve your guests. The chefs, along with their team, will arrive at your home, cook up a storm, plate it like a pro and serve the guests. "So, even as a host, you just have to be a guest at your own home. We'll take care of everything else," adds Noor. One can customise and choose if they want a vegetarian, non-vegetarian, gluten-free or vegan menu, depending on the guest list.

Like everything, there's also a virtual experience that's available since the pandemic hit. "We started the service during the pandemic but due to the many lockdowns, we couldn't provide the necessary experience. Through the virtual chef's table, we provide a boutique dining experience with a three-course meal and non-alcoholic beverages, all delivered to your doorstep and prepared by an expert chef," she explains, adding that you can also opt for a 'mood bag' of flowers and candles to be included in the package. This requires reservations to be made 48 hours in advance. With a virtual chef's table, one can also place orders from multiple chefs instead of just one. "We've been seeing a lot of inquiries on both weekdays and weekends as people in the city are well-travelled and they want to experience great food from the comfort of their homes," says Noor.

For more details, contact admin@chefsaporter.com

INSIDE

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK P3

Brodha V

GRUB HUB

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a voucher worth ₹ 2,000 from Otto's

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Yauatcha; Bombay, Kolkata 2) Luo Han, HSR Layout 3) Memories of China, Taj MG Road

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Nagavalli R 2) Ratish Trehan 3) Ganapathy

***Conditions apply**

Something old, something new

For his latest Malayalam-English rap, *All Divine*, city-based rapper Brodha V decided to revisit a work from 10 years ago

MONIKA MONALISA

IT'S the second month of the year and city's popular rapper Vighnesh Shivanand, aka Brodha V, is out with his latest single, *All Divine* in Malayalam and English. The song, which also has American hip-hop group Flipsyde's singer-guitarist Steve Knight in the chorus, looks at mental stress and introspection, finally giving out a message of self-discovery.

Brodha V says he came out with the composition exactly 10 years ago, but revisited it since it's a subject that many can relate to at this point. "I felt like revisiting the song because of the things that we have all gone through in the last two years. People were emotionally down and frustrated. It was during the pandemic that it hit me that I could talk about these things,"

A still from the song

says Brodha V. He further adds, "I just wanted to take some time off and think about what my next set of releases should be and where my career is headed."

Through the song, Brodha V looks back at his 14-year career, struggles with mental health, the pandemic-enforced isolation and also his physical health. As the project gathered momentum, his friend and singer Benny Dayal helped him with the Malayalam version in terms of words for the song. "I wanted to bring in Malayalam folk music, so including Malayalam lyrics was an organic idea. Also, this is my way of paying tribute to the people of Kerala who have shown so much love to my music," says Brodha V, whose last song was *Araama*, which translates into 'Everything is fine' in Kannada.

The song, directed by Sujish Das, was shot in the picturesque location of Chikmagalur. Apart from the beautiful fresh scenery, the video also has archival footage projected behind Brodha V. "There was a lot of footage that I just happened to have. It made a lot of sense for this concept now," says Brodha V, adding that in one of the scenes, his younger self from 10 years ago is seen mouthing the lyrics.

The year 2022 looks busy for the singer with five more songs in the pipeline for release. He is also looking forward to a lot more collaborations.

CITY READ

Bank donates ambulance to medical college

Indian Bank donated an ambulance under the corporate social responsibility activity to Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru. The ambulance was donated by Shanti Lal Jain, managing director and CEO of Indian Bank. Dr Manojkumar, dean and director of the medical college, Sudhir Kumar Gupta, field general manager, Indian Bank and Murthy, zonal manager, Indian Bank were present on the occasion.

Inspection takes place at Rail Wheel Factory

Sanjeev Mittal, member infrastructure, Railway Board, visited the Rail Wheel Factory. He reviewed and inspected the progress of ongoing projects, major ones being the additional axle forging and machining lines. The requirement of wheels and axles will increase with the mission - 'Hungry for Cargo' of Indian Railways. The completion of these projects will enhance the axle manufacturing capacity which will reduce expenditure on import of axles.

ART ATTACK

Give your child a chance to embrace their artistic side with HobbyStation. Help them learn the fundamentals of drawing and colouring, including shading and knowledge of primary and secondary colours. **When:** Till Feb 26 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

SING SONG

In this series of 8 episodes, participants will learn to sing verses of eight well-known poets of the Nirgun and Sagun tradition. Anyone with an intermediate-level understanding of Hindustani classical music will find these sessions useful. **When:** Ongoing **Details:** insider.in

GET CRACKING

Recognise true facts about lower back pain — away from both medical jargon and non-scientific myths. The back-relief programme will help you understand it better. **When:** Till Feb 28 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

CLICK AND SNAP

Unleash the pro mode on your smartphone and learn everything you need to through this workshop. This course is best suitable for beginners and professionals who want to start a YouTube channel or share videos on social media. **When:** Till Feb 28 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

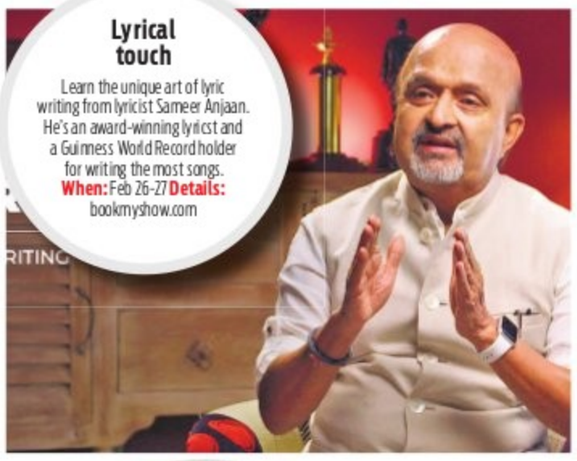
LEARN TO SING LIKE A PRO WITH MONALI THAKUR AS SHE TEACHES YOU THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE. | **WHEN:** FEB 26-27 | **DETAILS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Book club

Join the Lahe Lahe reading club and discuss what you've been reading these days. Find fellow book lovers and share the magic of some of your favourite wordsmiths. **When:** Feb 26 onwards **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Lyrical touch

Learn the unique art of lyric writing from lyricist Sameer Anjaan. He's an award-winning lyricist and a Guinness World Record holder for writing the most songs. **When:** Feb 26-27 **Details:** bookmyshow.com



Strings Attached

Eager to learn how to play the guitar? The Ultimate Beginner Guitar Masterclass will teach you chords, help choose the right guitar, understand its technique and more much. **When:** Till Feb 28 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Paint the Town

Banjara Gypsy brings artist Chandrima Mandal to teach you everything arts and crafts. It's alright if you are a beginner or an expert, the workshop is designed according to your comfort. **When:** Feb 26, 3 pm **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Salad Revolution

Catch up with Sonakshi Sinha and Genelia Deshmukh as they join Salad Revolution, an attempt from Team SHARAN in building a 'Culture of Health'. **When:** Feb 26 **Details:** insider.in

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SPICY CHICKEN WINGS

INGREDIENTS
- **Chicken wings:** 4
- **Onion (chopped):** 1
- **Capsicum (chopped):** 1
- **Spring onion:** a bunch
- **Garlic (crushed):** 4 cloves
- **Soya sauce:** 2 tbsp
- **MSG**
- **Red chilli sauce:** 1 tsp
- **Corn flour:** 1 tbsp
- **Egg:** 1
- **Salt to taste**
- **Vinegar:** 1 tbsp
- **Green chillies (chopped):** 3; **MSG:** a pinch
- **Oil to fry**
- **Ginger garlic paste:** 1 tsp

METHOD
- Marinate the wings in vinegar, soy sauce, salt, egg, cornflour and ginger garlic paste. Keep it aside for 30 minutes.
- In a pan, heat oil and deep fry the marinated wings.
- To the same pan, add garlic, onion, capsicum, green chillies and sauté them well.
- Then add soy sauce, red chilli sauce, MSG and mix well
- Add the fried wings and toss them in the sauce.
- Garnish with spring onions and serve hot.

— Sarmistha Halder, New Delhi

FIT BIT

SAMA VRITTI PRANAYAMA

(THE BOX BREATHING)

This technique consciously incorporates longer breath retention in our natural breathing process. It increases the lung capacity. Holding the breath for up to 30 seconds is body's relaxation mechanism. If you increase the natural period of holding breath, it can be very beneficial. We can equalise and divide our breath into: Inhalation (Puraka), Breath retention after inhalation (Antar Kumbhaka), Exhalation (Rechaka), Breath retention after exhalation (Bahya Kumbhaka). It is a natural cycle. We should consciously pay attention to the second and fourth point.

STEPS
- Sit in any cross-legged meditative posture, hands in Gyan Mudra.
- Step 1: Start with simple and deep breathing. Inhale as you usually breathe in and count (mentally) the inhalation period for four counts.
- Step 2: Hold the breath in for the same duration of four counts. Keep counting mentally and make sure your awareness is attached with your breath flow.
- Step 3: On the last count of holding, start exhaling slowly and empty the lungs of the air you inhaled in the first step. Again, keep a mental counting of four counts.
- Step 4: Once exhaled, pause your breath out again for four counts. Here, you can keep your mind from wandering, with the breath for the same count.
- This is one cycle of this pranayama. Continue for 7-8 cycles.
- If you are uncomfortable to hold the breath for equal counts then practice without breath retention.
- Place one hand on the chest and other on the lower abdomen to feel filling and emptying of the lungs.

BENEFITS
- Energises the sleeping cells of the body and helps in meditation.
- Long and deep inhalation builds strong awareness.
- While Prana is consciously held inside the body for equal counts, its capacity to charge other organs increases automatically.
- Energy is distributed equally.
- Antar Kumbhaka causes Prana upwards, awakens the Kundalini and reaches the crown chakra.
- Detoxifies the body.
- Exhaling breath reduces stress and anxiety.
- Equal duration of exhalation makes the diaphragm active.
- Maintains a good immune system.
- Prana moves from the spine's base to the brain. When there is no inhalation or exhalation spine base or the root chakra becomes calm.

LIMITATIONS
- Pregnant women should avoid holding their breath.
- In the case of high BP, skip the retention of breath.
- People suffering from trauma must avoid external breath retention.

N. Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

MOTLEY FOOL MONEY
Join host Chris Hill and a team of Motley Fool investment analysts as they cover the day's top business news and financial headlines, while breaking down the stock market implications for long-term, business-focused investors.
- On Gaana

TRIGGERNOMETRY
Comedians Konstantin Kisin and Francis Foster create fun but serious conversations with fascinating guests. New episodes every Sunday night.
- On Apple podcasts

PERMANENT ROOMMATES: HE SAID, SHE SAID
It reveals the origin of Tanya and Mikesh's love story. For the first time, hear how they first met, kissed, and fell in love. While living away from each other, Tanya and Mikesh reminisce about the beautiful day when two misfits bumped into each other four years back in Mumbai.
- On Audible

HOW TO CITIZEN
It is a world of difference between the theory we learnt in school and the reality we experience everyday. This is especially true about Civics. This podcast lays bare the gap between what textbooks preach to school kids about politics and what we actually see in Indian politics.
- On Gaana

UNDER THE SKIN WITH RUSSELL BRAND
'Under The Skin' asks: what's beneath the surface — of people we admire, of the ideas that define our time, of the history we are told. Speaking with guests from the world of academia, popular culture and the arts, they'll help us to see the ulterior truth behind our constructed reality. And have a laugh.
- On Luminary Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

NAVAGRAHA
A group of thieves plans to steal a gold elephant carriage from the Mysore Palace. However, things take a turn when a police officer attempts to foil their plan.
- Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Vinod Prabhakar, Sharmiela Mandre

SHRUTHI
Four friends aspiring to be musicians cross paths with a woman who is searching for her lover. They see an opportunity to help each other and soon form a partnership.
- Cast: Shruthi, Sunil, Honnavalli Krishna, Indudhar

BANGAARADA MANUSHYA
Rajiv is shocked when he finds out that his brother-in-law has passed away leaving his family in financial trouble. He decides to take up the responsibility of supporting his sister's family.
- Cast: Rajkumar, Bharathi Vishuvardhan, Aarthi, Balakrishna

RUGGED
A villager moves to the city in search of better work but gets drawn into the world of crime. However, his life changes when he falls in love with a girl.
- Cast: Chaitra Reddy, Vinod Prabhakar, Thriller Manju, N Om Prakash Rao

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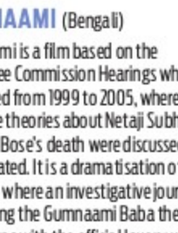
A police officer, who is a family man, is surrounded by women in his family with a mother, sister, wife and daughter. The movie subsequently unfolds about his various assignments, and how he crosses paths with one Harsha, which turns his family life upside down.
- Cast: Ramesh Aravind, Purna, Rachitha Ram, Raju Thalikote

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 CLIMATE ACTION NEEDS NEW FRONTLINE LEADERSHIP BY OZAWA BINESHI ALBERT
In this call for urgency and a shift in values, Ozawa Bineshi Albert advocates for climate policy to center frontline leaders and outlines some grassroots-led projects — from water protection efforts in Minnesota to off-grid solar power in Arizona — that have already sparked real change.



2 HOW PLAY CAN SPARK NEW IDEAS FOR YOUR BUSINESS BY MARTIN REEVES
To thrive in today's competitive economy, you need to constantly reimagine your business. So what's the secret to sustained success? Strategist Martin Reeves makes a pitch for embracing play to spark innovative business ideas and invites you to try out a series of imagination games that he uses to get leaders to stretch their thinking.

3 WHY IS CHINA APPOINTING JUDGES TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE? BY JAMES K. THORNTON
Why is China appointing thousands of judges to environmental courts and training prosecutors to bring cases to them, even if it means suing the government? Eco-lawyer James Thornton takes us inside the country's growing effort to use the power of the courts to address environmental problems.

4 THE DARK HISTORY OF THE OVERTHROW OF HAWAII BY SYDNEY IAUKEA
On January 16, 1895, two men arrived at Hawaii's queen Lili'uokalani's door, arrested her, and imprisoned her. The Missionary Party confiscated her diaries, ransacked her house, and claimed her lands. Sydney Iaukea shares how the ruler fought the annexation of Hawaii.

5 CEMENT'S CARBON PROBLEM — AND 2 WAYS TO FIX IT BY MAHENDRA SINGHI
Cement is vital to modernising all kinds of infrastructure but manufacturing it comes at an enormous environmental cost in the form of carbon emissions. Mahendra Singhi, the CEO of one of India's largest cement producers, discusses his team's effort to transform the industry by targeting the two largest sources of CO2 emissions.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

LAKSHYA (Hindi)
Karan, an aimless young man, joins the Indian Army on a whim but backs out when he finds a soldier's life to be difficult. When this creates conflict with his girlfriend, he rejoins to make her proud.
Cast: Hrithik Roshan, Preity Zinta, Amitabh Bachchan, Om Puri
- On: Netflix

CHOPSTICKS (Hindi)
A gifted but insecure woman hires a charming conman to get her stolen car back from a goat-loving gangster, and discovers a new side of herself.
Cast: Mithila Palkar, Abhay Deol, Vijay Raaz
- On: Netflix

NARAPPA (Telugu)
A farmer goes on the run with his family as he is compelled to protect his son, who has murdered a wealthy upper-caste landlord in a fit of vengeance.
Cast: Venkatesh Daggubati, Priyamani and Karthik Rathnam
- On: Amazon Prime Video

UNPAUSED: NAYA SAFAR (Hindi, Series)
It continues to take the legacy of the first anthology forward and yet again brings together five filmmakers — Nupur Asthana, Ayappa KM, Ruchir Arun, Shikha Makan and Nagraj Manjule — with new stories of hope, love, connections and second chances that celebrate the resilient human spirit in these uncertain times.
Cast: Shreya Dhanwanthary, Saqib Saleem, Geetanjali Kulkarni
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

RANJISH HI SAHI (Hindi, series)
A maverick film director gets drawn into an extra-marital affair with a superstar changing his life; his marriage with his first love spirals as he's torn between two worlds. Set in 70s Bollywood, this is the story of Shankar, Amna and Anju.
Cast: Tahir Raj Bhasin, Amrita Puri, Amala Paul
- On: Voot

GUMNAAMI (Bengali)
Gumnaami is a film based on the Mukherjee Commission Hearings which happened from 1999 to 2005, where the three theories about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's death were discussed and debated. It is a dramatisation of the hearings where an investigative journalist supporting the Gumnaami Baba theory locks horns with the official lawyer who supports the plane crash theory.
Cast: Prosenjit Chatterjee, Anirban Bhattacharya, Tanushree Chakraborty
- On: Amazon Prime Video

QISMAT (Punjabi)
Shivjit and Bani pretend to be in a relationship to make her ex-boyfriend jealous. However, things take a turn when they both fall in love with each other.
Cast: Ammy Virk, Sargun Mehta, Guggu Gill
- On: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI (English)
Mildred Hayes is devastated after the rape and murder of her daughter. Months later, she protests and challenges the police officials when they fail to capture the culprit
Cast: Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell
- On: Disney+ Hotstar

LES MISÉRABLES (French)
Jean Valjean, a prisoner, breaks parole in order to start life anew. He soon becomes the caretaker of a young girl but his past comes back to catch up with him.
Cast: Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway
- On: Apple TV

LOVE AND LEASHES (Korean)
Love never hurts, so good for two co-workers who enter a contractual relationship as partners in consensual play, pleasure and pain.
Cast: Lee Jun Young, Seohyun, Seo Hyun Woo
- On: Netflix

BIGBUG (French)
Suburbanites are locked in for their own protection by their household robots while an android revolt rages outside
Cast: Claire Chust, Elsa Zylberstein, Claude Perron
- On: Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+ Hotstar: ₹ 499 per year
Apple TV: ₹ 99 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Netflix: ₹ 149 per month

Mane Focus

(The author is social media influencer @loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)

MEN usually tend to keep emotions to themselves. But men too need friends, counsellors, and someone they can turn to. Often they struggle with stress, anxiety, and hence hair fall, skin problems but don't speak about it, unlike women who are comfortable sharing these aspects. They are made to believe that men are strong and can't ask for support.

Men's hair and skincare is probably as important as women's whilst many of them choose to ignore it. Men and their mane, how to style it, how to groom it and how to keep it looking great could be overwhelming at times. Nonetheless, it doesn't rule out the fact that it is equally important to have a regular hair or skin routine like washing and styling the right way to look groomed and maintain the health of skin and hair. Strong, healthy and aesthetically-appealing hair or skin is achieved with consistent effort, right knowledge, discipline and right counselling.

Hair and internal health

It is extremely important to be healthy and mentally well, for that reflects on hair and skin. Good eating habits, stress free lifestyle, and nourishment through a good diet could contribute to your hair coupled with right supplements. Many brands are foraying into men's hair gummies or shampoos etc, including personal counselling. Geet Rathi, director - marketing, Man Matters says, "Health and wellness have always been the cornerstone of living a great life and platforms like ours are helping men live their best life by providing access to the right experts, information and solutions. We are India's first digital health clinic for men, providing science-backed wellness solutions with experts, making wellness an easier choice by helping men build the right habits and bringing a positive behavioural change towards health and wellness. The choice for a healthier well-being has never been easier than now, with the click of a button."

Don't wear hats. Hats or caps make you sweat, so it is best to avoid wearing them as much as possible.

Don't overuse shampoo. A second wash is usually recommended but men could avoid it. Over washing leads to dryness and brittle hair.

Don't miss your vitamins

Don't overuse heating tools and styling creams.

Use conditioners and hair masks. Using a mild shampoo followed by conditioner is essential; a fortnightly hair mask would not hurt either.

Use hair serums to moisturise it and keep it bouncy.

Use hair styling sprays and pomade. But do wash off next morning to avoid residue build up. An exfoliating shampoo every once a month could give good results as it removes toxins, avoids residue build up and clears up pores by removing dead cells. This prepares scalp for receiving fresh vitamins etc that could be used as serums.

Keep it simple and communicate with someone who understands.

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

While Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal's announcement to take three weeks paternity leave was applauded by many, including actor Anushka Sharma, the ground reality is very different

Gautam Shenoy and Bhuvana Mohan with daughter Giana

MONIKA MONALISA

THE internet was buzzing with positive news when Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal recently took three weeks of paternity leave. The decision was hailed by many, including Twitter CFO Ned Segal and Bollywood actor Anushka Sharma. Negal tweeted, "I wish leaders did this when I was early in my career and becoming a father." Sharma — who was raised in Bengaluru — posted, "About time it is normalised". Practising what they preach, Sharma's husband, Virat Kohli also took three months off as paternity leave during the birth of Vamika.

There is a lot of dialogue about normalising paternity leave, with India not having a universal rule in place. However, the ground reality is different. For example, Shailendra Shah (name changed upon request), who had his first child during the pandemic and just got five days of paternity leave, says, "It left me anxious about not being there for my wife and child. Working from home was a blessing but I shudder to think what my wife would have gone through if the pandemic hadn't happened and I was expected to be in office." He adds that Sweden gives 68 weeks, while South Korea gives 52 weeks as paternity leave.

Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli

Parag Agrawal

Rashmi Daga

Shah, who is a software engineer, finds it unfair that corporate policies address issues like maternity leave and "period" leave, but rarely raise anything to do with paternity leave. "They don't consider the fact that a man is equally responsible for a child and a new mother cannot do it alone. Men also need a lot more than five days to deal with the sudden change that a baby brings to our lives," he adds.

Gautam Shenoy, vice-president of a manufacturing company, took two weeks off from work when his daughter was born in January 2021. "There should something concrete when it comes to paternity leave. Women are more than efficient at handling the situation but it's emotional support that they need," says Shenoy.

Though it is difficult to have paternity benefits equal to the maternity one, Rashmi Daga, founder of FreshMenu, says she tries to support the idea of men being with their wife during this crucial time. "Women can't go through the whole process, while men are at work. Of course, the paternity benefits can't match the maternity benefits but they should be available for the first few days," says Dagga, whose company offers 15 days of paternity leave. She also mentions that offices should be considerate and allow for flexibility during these milestone moments.

Dr Roshan Jain, senior psychiatrist from Apollo Hospital, says a birth of a child is also a birth of a parent. "Childbirth is a big change in a couple's life and that change can be exciting and anxiety provoking. It is critical that both parents are available for the child to bond," says Jain.

If you thought your handwriting doesn't matter in the digital world, think again

Write call

ANILA KURIAN

GROWING up, we've all heard that handwriting is a skill that never fades. However, over the years, writing has become less and less common thanks to gadgets taking over our existence. But Imran Baig, founder of Global Penmanship Academy, a handwriting analyst, is working on making people fall in love with writing once again, and supporting them to forge their future using the power of a pen. "It's a skill that many of us have but just don't know the right approach to, and that's why my workshops come in handy for them," says Baig, who takes three classes over the weekends, teaching one the different tools to write and how to achieve the speed they want.

Baig got certified in 2004 from Handwriting University International, California, at the age of 21, making him the youngest individual in the world to pass out of the university. He has developed specialised programmes on Handwriting Development for children and Grapho Therapy for adults. "Since children are growing up, starting them out early is a good approach. This way, they will learn about which pen or pencil is ideal for them, based on their finger structure. They will also learn the right speed to write in so they can attend their exams more efficiently," he says.

Imran Baig

"As for adults, finding their right signature is the most important factor as they are often influenced by something we have observed growing up. Through the workshops, I help them analyse and understand which style of theirs showcases their personality. This will help their personality development as well," adds Baig. He points out that grapho therapy — usually done after the detailed analysis of the overall personality of someone by studying their handwriting — is a great way to understand the compatibility of a person.

"Though the workshop I had before Valentine's Day wasn't really related to the day, it's important to talk about how one's handwriting can help understand your compatibility with another person. In a world of texting and typing, I'm trying to encourage people to write more, rewire the way they think and present themselves and develop their personality along the way," says Baig, who points out that comments like "Thank you for introducing me to myself" from those who attended his workshop is why he does what he does.

CITY READ

Organisation announces 7-km event for a cause

Organisation for Rare Diseases India (ORDI), a non-profit organisation is hosting the seventh edition of Racefor7, a 7-km event in Bengaluru to raise awareness on the rare disease community in India. The event aims to address the issue of the 7,000 known rare diseases in the country that is impacting millions of people. Register at Racefor7 website.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. N Ashok Chand**, aged 63 years, S/O Ghisulal Nemichand, Residing at #03, Hanumaiah Reddy Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru -560008. I have changed my name from Ashok Chand to **N ASHOK CHAND**. Vide affidavit dated : 16/02/2022. sworn before notary : A.R. Muneer Ahmed

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BASEERUNNISA** and **BASEERUNNISA MUSHTAQ AHMED** R/at No.243, Beside Jai Maruthi Hospital, Hegganahalli Amin Road, Bengaluru- 560091 have changed my name to **BASEERUNNISA MUSHTAQ** vide affidavit dated: 18/2/2022 Before Notary **S. Vijayakumar** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RANJIT SACHDEV ALIAS PAWAN SHARMA** S/o Gurucharan Singh Sachdev, R/o B3-1803, L&T South City, Mico Layout, Arekere Bengaluru - 560076, Karnataka have changed my name as **RANJEET SACHDEVA** vide affidavit dated 19/02/2022 Sworn before notary Rashmi Patel, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAIK KHALEEL BASHA**, R/o #24, 5th Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, J.P. Nagar, 5th Phase, Bengaluru-560078, have changed the name of my minor daughter from **SHAIK FATIMA AFZALNISA @ S FATIMA AFZAL** to **SHAIK FATIMA AFZAL**, vide affidavit dated 19-02-2022, before Notary **S. RAMESH**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAGHAVAN SUNDARARAJAN**, R/o Flat No. C908, Brigade Gardenia RBI Layout, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAGHAVAN SUNDARAJAN** also known **KANNAN** to **RAGHAVAN SUNDARARAJAN**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAGHAVAN SUNDARARAJAN** only, vide affidavit dated 19-02-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SYED MOINUDDIN**, R/a No. 8, 2nd Cross, 1st Main, L.N. Colony, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore-560022, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SYED MUNEERUDDIN** to **SYED MOINUDDIN**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SYED MOINUDDIN** only, vide affidavit dated 19-02-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) KHUSHI VERNEKAR**, resident of No. 177, 6th B Main, 16th Cross, JP Nagar Phase, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) KHUSHI PRASHANTH VERNEKAR** vide affidavit Dated 18/02/2022 sworn before Notary Mahesha.J.J., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHANTHAKUMAR** aged about 48 years, S/o Late. **Hanumanthappa** R/at Behiend Maruthi Lodge, Sadashivanagara, Kunigal Road, Tumkur-572102 have changed my name to **SHANTH KUMAR T H** vide affidavit dated:14/12/2021 Before Notary **V.Anjanappa** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Prabhakar Naik**, Aged about 35 years, S/o. Manjunath Naik, Presently residing at No. 230/A, Ground Floor, Shrinidhi Nilaya, 2nd Block, Thygarajanagar, Bangalore - 560 028 & Permanently Residing at No. 178, Janata Colony Post Machikeri, Yellapur, Uttarakanda, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRABHAKAR NAIK** to **PRABHAKAR MANJUNATH NAIK.** Hereinafter my name will be called as **PRABHAKAR MANJUNATH NAIK.** Vide affidavit dated 18.02.2022 sworn to before Smt. Vatsala, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **MOHAN DORAIRAJ**, S/o Late Anthony Dorairaj, aged about 54 years, R/a No. 5, Blessvin Villa, 1st Main, 14th Cross, Reddy Layout, Pipe Line Road, Ravindranagara, Bangalore North, Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560057, do hereby declare that in my son's SSLC marks card my name is mentioned as **ROBERT LOUIS**, I state that all the names i.e., **MOHAN DORAIRAJ, ROBERT LOUIS MOHAN** and **ROBERT LOUIS** are one and the same and belongs to me only, affidavit to produce the same before the concerned authorities, vide affidavit dated 18-02-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANITHA BAI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **RAGHAVENDRA RAO G Y** and **SANDHYA RAO** have sworn before the Notary **Y V SHANKAR** to change the name of the minor Children from **ANIKETH RAO K A** to **ANIKETH RAO G R** (Son) and **ANANYA RAO K A** to **ANANYA RAO G R** (Daughter) and also Father's name of these children from **K N ANANTHA PADMANABHA RAO** to **RAGHAVENDRA RAO G Y**, vide Affidavit dated 17/02/2022.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VARUN ACHARYA .R**, S/o Rajanna ,N.E, aged about 30 years, R/a No. 288, 2nd Main, 6th Cross, Near Muneshwara Temple, Kaveri Nagara, Mahadevapura, Bangalore 560048, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VARUNA .R** to **VARUN ACHARYA .R**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **VARUN ACHARYA .R** only, vide affidavit dated 15-02-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HASRATH HAJI ILYAS JALYAWALA,** residing at No. 8, Jameela Manzil, 5th Main Road, Subedarpalya, VTC: Yeshwathpur, Bangalore-560022, have changed my Minor Son's name from **SAHUL HAMEED** to **SAHUL HAMEED HASRATH JALYAWALA** vide affidavit Dated 18/02/2022 sworn before Notary C.Venkatapathy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I JOSEPHINE FRANCISCA **TAUSSIG SAROJINI JOSEPH**, aged about 65 years, wife of Dr. Vijay Thomas Mathyoo Joseph residing at Apartment No. 301, Third Floor, `Mathyoo Residency', 38, Berlie Street, Bangalore -560 025 has changed my name as **SAROJINI JOSEPH** vide Affidavit dated 16th February, 2022, before Advocate and Notary Mr. Harish . G.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANTHOSH KUMAR .T**, S/o. Thimmarasaiah, Residing at Vinayakanagar, Arishinakunte, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District - 562 123, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANTHOSH KUMAR .T** to **SANTHOSH ARUS** vide affidavit dated 19.02.2022 sworn to before M. Ravikumar, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru Rural.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARMY No. 2597399 Y EX-SEP. MUTHUKUMARAN G**, aged about 46 years, S/o. Late. Gnanasegaran, residing at # 51, 17th Cross, Annappa Layout, Macca Mazid Road, Devasandra, K.R. Puram, Bangalore – 560036, do hereby solemnly declare and state that I have changed my son name from **M. VIJAYA KUMARAN** to **VIJAYA KUMARAN .M**, due to as per school and college records, Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, mentioned correct spelling/named as **VIJAYA KUMARAN .M**, by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public **Mr. K.B.Sadha Shivappa** on 18.02.2022 for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAIK AYISHA**, R/o No. 499, 7th Cross, 2nd Main, Gandhipura, Whitefield, Bangalore District-560066, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MALLIKA PATHAN** to **SHAIK AYISHA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHAIK AYISHA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15-02-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **WAFA AL HASAN**, R/o No. SB02, 2nd Floor, MM Residency, No. 9, 3rd Cross, Hutchins Road, Bangalore-560084, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **WAFA MATIN ANSARI** to **WAFA AL HASAN**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **WAFA AL HASAN** only, vide affidavit dated 19-02-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **VINEEL MADHIPATLA**, is legal father of SHANMUKA SAI SRI RISHITHA aged about 9 years residing at #101, Plot no 1522 Pragathi Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500090. I have change my child name from Shanmukasaisri Rishita to **SHANMUKA SAI SRI RISHITHA** .vide affidavit date 17.02.2022. sworn to before notary A.R.MUNEER AHMED

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Ms. HEMALATHA .A,** presently R/at No.H, Ground Floor, Mythri Residency Apartment, Pipe Line Road, Yeshwanthpura Indl. Area, Bangalore-560022. I Have changed my son name from **"MOHAMMED HASSAN .S" TO "HASSAN .H"** vide affidavit dated 18.02.2022 sworn to before Notary **P. SULAKSHANA,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRATIBHA JAISWAL**, W/o, Sri. Prem Shankar Jaiswal, aged about 39 years, Residing at, No.306, Shravanthi Gokul 91, 5th Cross, Dwaraka Nagar, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, state that both the names **PRATIBHA JAYSAWAL** and **PRATIBHA JAISWAL**, refers to one and same person, i.e., me only, vide affidavit dated:17-02-2022, sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, S.N.Madhu, Bangalore. In Future I will be used and called as **PRATIBHA JAISWAL** for all practical purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAGARAJA**, son of BAILPATI, age 37 years, R/at NO.12, MEGA CITY LAYOUT ROAD, MARGONDANAHALLI, BENGALURU-560036, declare that I have changed the name of my Minor Daughter from **JAYASRI** (Old Name) to **THULASI** (New Name), henceforth my Daughter shall be known and called as **THULASI** (New Name)only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 19/02/2022 before Notary **C.V. EARAPPA** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SREELATHA CHANDRAN**, W/o P. Chandra Shaker, R/a # 5, Chandramouli, 7th Main, Near Food World, KHM Block, Ganganagar, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru declare both names **SREELATHA CHANDRAN** and **MUTHULAXMI LATHA CHANDRASHAKER** belongs to me and shall continue to use the name **SREELATHA CHANDRAN**, vide affidavit dated 17-02-2022, before notary **SIVAKUMARA .M.N**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YASMEEN TAJ**, aged about 32 years, W/o Mohammed Ameenuddin Hassan Khan, R/o #96/1, R.V. Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **YASMEN TAJ** to **YASMEEN TAJ**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **YASMEEN TAJ** only, vide affidavit dated 19-02-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. RAMESH** at Bangalore.

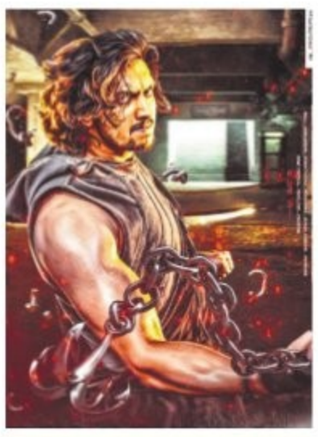
NIRANJAN SUDHINDRA TO BEGIN SHOOTING FOR THE *HUNTER* FROM TODAY

Niranjan Sudhindra and Sowmya Menon

CE FEATURES

NIRANJAN Sudhindra, who is acting in Nagashekar's *Q* and RVB's *Superstar*, has signed another film, titled *Hunter: On Duty*. The film, directed by Vinay Krishna of *Seizer* fame, was launched on February 20, Upendra and his wife Priyanka were present at the muhurath.

This multilingual film is produced by Trivikrama Sapalya and has Niranjan in multiple shades in the film. It also brings together an interesting cast comprising Prakash Raj, Nassar, and Suman.



The commercial thriller, directed by Vinay Krishna, was officially launched today with a first-look poster

Sowmya Menon, who will be seen in Mahesh Babu's upcoming film, *Sarkaru Vaari Paata!*, is making her debut in Kannada with *Hunter - On Duty*.

The first schedule of the film will be held in Bengaluru. The team will also be shot in Lonavala, Pune, Mysuru, and Hyderabad.

Backed by Trivikram Films, *Hunter* will have music by Chandan Shetty and cinematography by Mahesh. Meanwhile, Niranjan plans to shoot *Q* in April.

Launch event of *Hunter*

Sudeep

3D [version] of *Vikrant Rona* looks beautiful: Sudeep

CE FEATURES

Sudeep's *Vikrant Rona* is one of the most-awaited pan-Indian films of this year. The film, which was initially scheduled to hit the screens on February 24, got pushed due to the pandemic. A recent tweet from the actor, about the 3D of the film, has got the fans excited. It read, "Reaching out to our own limits and pushing it a little more, is a great high. 3D of *Vikrant Rona* looks beautiful. Thanks to the whole team. Await its release date. Also, await the announcement of my next collaboration with Anup Bhandari."

Through the tweet, he also announced that he is collaborating with Anup Bhandari for a new film. The duo had previously told that they are working on a film *Ashwatthama*, revealing an illustration of a person holding a gun, and another picture of a man holding a bow and arrow. He had revealed that the film will be modern taken on the mythological character Ashwathama.

Anup Bhandari

Anup Bhandari, who has been busy with the post-production work of *Vikrant Rona* is simultaneously doing the script work for *Ashwatthama*. Now it is a matter of time before we get an official update from them on the project.

Interestingly, two other films with the same title announced were announced. One was the Hindi film featuring Vicky Kaushal, which got shelved. The other one was a Kannada film starring Shivarajkumar, directed by Sachin Ravi. However, there has been no news since then.

Vikrant Rona is backed by Manjunath Gowda in association with Alankar Pandian. The film has music by B Ajaneesh Loknath and cinematography by William David.

MODEL-TURNED-ACTOR

SUSHMITA DAMODAR

ALL SET TO TEST WATERS IN TINSEL TOWN

The actor, who has completed shooting for *Dark Fantasy* gets busy with a series of projects in Kannada and Telugu

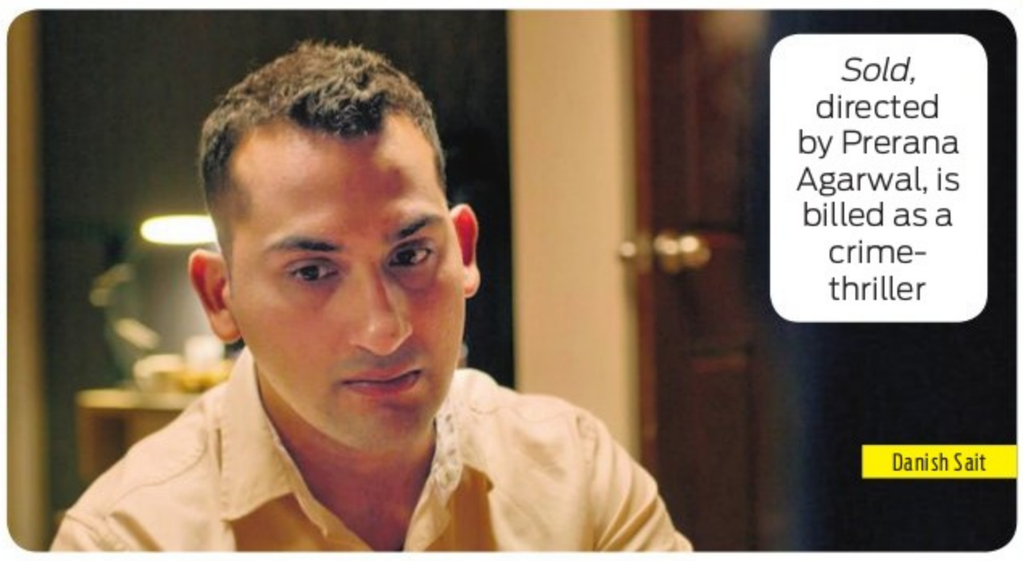
Sushmita Damodar

CE FEATURES

SUSHMITA Damodar, a model turned actor, the winner of Miss Bengaluru title, and Miss Karnataka runner up is all set to test waters in tinsel town. An MBA graduate, who walked the ramp on International platforms, she is now excited to face the arc lights. The newbie, who has collaborated with director Phaneesh Bharadwaj has completed shooting for a film, titled Dark Fantasy, which is now in the post-production stages. The actor will soon join the sets for *Aadisidaatha*, which shooting was delayed due to the pandemic. This apart, the actor has also signed her first Telugu flick, *Chai Kahani* is gearing up to play the female lead role. Sushmita says that she has been into dance and theatre activities during school days, and since then she had wished to make her career in acting, which is getting fulfilled with a whole lot of good films in her hand. "Having worked as a character artiste in few films, I have also been part of the single video -- *Truth Or Dare* directed by Thyagaraj, and sung by Ananya Bhat, which will be released soon," says Sushmitha, adding, "Though I have been offered roles on the small screen, I did not accept it, because I want to make it big on the silver screen."

Kavya Shetty

Deepam Kohli



Sold, directed by Prerana Agarwal, is billed as a crime-thriller

Danish Sait

SOLD RELEASE DATE OUT,

DANISH SAIT, KAVYA SHETTY-STARRER TO MAKE IT TO THE BIG SCREEN

CE FEATURES

SOLD, starring Danish Sait and Kavya Shetty, is slated to be released on March 4. Danish has had a busy year. It began for the actor with the release of Humble Politician Nograj and One Cut Two Cut on OTT platforms, and now, the star is awaiting the first theatrical release of the year.

Sold, directed by Prerana Agarwal, is touted to be a crime thriller, and Danish will be seen in a new genre, unlike his previous films which were comedies. Danish plays the role of a cop in this film which deals with human trafficking. Kavya will play the role of a journalist in the film bankrolled by Deepam Kohli. The producer is also playing a pivotal role in the film which includes other cast members Bharath JB, Siddharth Madhyamika, Bhavani Prakash, Hanumanthe Gowda, Shivani R, and Manju of Ugramm fame.

The film has music scored by Jeeth Singh and Sameer Deshpande handling the camerawork.

Amitabh shoots for *Project K* with Prabhas

CE FEATURES

AMITABH Bachchan has begun shooting for his first project alongside Prabhas -- Project K -- and he took to Twitter to share his experience of the same. He wrote, "first day .. first shot .. first film with the '*Bahubali*' Prabhas .. and such a honour to be in the company of his aura, his talent and his extreme humility.. to imbibe to learn.. !!"

The film also stars Deepika Padukone as the lead opposite Prabhas. The actor shot for the film in December and she also shared the same on Instagram. The film is directed by Nag Ashwin who shot to fame with his film *Mahanati*, a biopic on actor Savitri.

Speaking of Project K, Nag Ashwin had said in a statement, "I'm very excited to see Deepika play this character. It is something no mainstream lead has done before and will be quite a surprise for everyone.

Gilky: Laudable attempt let down by logical loopholes

GILKY

Cast: Tarak Ponnappa, Chaithra J Achar, and Goutham Raj

Director: YK

A SHARADHAA

DIRECTOR Sunil Kumar YK's dark romantic drama, *Gilky*, is different from the monotonous drama we usually get. It talks about neglected differently-abled people and how they adapt and find ways to create love and happiness. The film takes you through their life, where the concept of 'love' is a bit unsettling.

It is about this intellectually-challenged person, Shakti, who is fondly called Gilky (Tarak Ponnappa). Disregarded by his own family, he manages to take up a job as a food delivery agent. Through his job, he meets Nancy (Chaithra J Achar), a person with cerebral palsy. They find love and solace in each other. Whether or not their relationship gets accepted by their family and society is the crux of the film. The film also has another pivotal character - Shakespeare (Goutham Raj), a visually challenged person, who befriends the couple.

Depicting characters that aren't beautiful or perfect is a risky task, but the director has taken it as a challenge in his debut film. To a certain extent, he conveys that love can be expressed without words and that happiness can be found in small things. Having said that, though heartfelt, this film also gets very disturbing.

Chaitra J Achar's character is the best-written part of the film. The actor as Nancy, a cerebral palsy patient, looks convincing. She gets out of her comfort zone to stay true to the character, though she misses some beats. However, Tarak as Gilky isn't that convincing. In a lot of instances, he comes close to being a normal person except for his facial expression. However, both actors show intent to do good.

There are some contrivances like unusual circumstances where Gilky and Nancy get to know each other. There is also a lack of clarity on how Gilky easily gets access to Nancy's house, and how he sneaks her out and brings her back home without anyone noticing. One can also find a few glitches in Shakespeare's character. Also, the scene where Shakespeare meets his daughter came across as a little harsh.

RATING 3/5

Gilky is a bit too long. A few scenes made me wish the film was tauter. YK's experiment with an unusual subject is laudable, but somehow he fails to generate an impact.

Disha Patani wraps up *Ek Villain Returns*

CE FEATURES

DISHA Patani has wrapped up shooting for her upcoming film *Ek Villain Returns*.

The actor took to her Instagram handle to announce the same by sharing a picture of herself with her team. *Ek Villain Returns* directed by Mohit Suri is a spiritual sequel to 2014's *Ek Villain*.

The film also stars John Abraham, Arjun Kapoor, and Tara Sutaria. Jointly produced by T-Series and Balaji Telefilms, the film is set for a theatrical release on July 8, 2022.